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## Report released in Gainey death

Inadequate safety measures, storm were contributing factors, says TSB

### Causes, factors related to death

- Setting sail from Lunenburg didn't take into full consideration the long-range forecasts for adverse weather.
- Because of a lack of communication, Gainey was told to go below and sleep but another officer told her to perform ship checks. She was also unaware the order had been given to stay away from the port breezeway, where it was believed she was swept overboard.
- Gainey was likely fatigued from a lack of sleep.
- A large wave hit the port side of the ship.
- Safety nets were not rigged above the bulwarks of the main deck and breezeway.
- The effectiveness of safety lines were diminished because harnesses were not worn and there was a lack of fastening points.

### Risks

- There was no alarm system to immediately alert the crew in other parts of the ship.
- An absence of an effective safety management structure.
- Crew members responsible for the trainees lacked formal training in crisis management.
- The unstructured training program made it difficult to assess trainees' abilities.
- Relying on inexperienced trainees left the crew to take on more duties which compromises safety.



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The Picton Castle moves through the Harbour in the Parade of Sails in Halifax in 2004. Crew member Laura Gainey died in 2006, after being swept off its deck during a storm. The report investigating her death was released today by the Transportation Safety Board.

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**Deciding to set sail with a storm approaching, and a lack of safety nets were just two of the factors contributing to Laura Gainey's death.**

The final report by the Transportation Safety Board released yesterday examined how Gainey was swept off the deck of the Picton Castle on Dec. 8, 2006.

"We came to the conclusion that with strong safety measures in place, loss of life can be avoided," said Paul van den Berg, the investigator in charge.

The Picton Castle had already delayed its departure from Lunenburg because of the weather, and they were under financial pressure to get going.

The crew was exhausted when the captain gave them all shots of rum during the storm, a Laura Gainey practice report called "questionable."

When Gainey was swept away by a large wave, two crew members at the helm immediately heard screams from the port side aft.

Gainey was briefly spot-

ted in the water, but the crew was unable to maintain visual contact.

"On four occasions during the early morning hours some crew members reported hearing someone shouting from somewhere off the ship, but no one was seen or found," the report said.

The search was called off several days later.

Picton Castle Capt. Daniel Moreland said yesterday he and the crew are "devastatingly sorry" for Gainey's loss.

"The findings confirm our strongly held belief that Laura was obeying orders and carrying out her tasks as the excellent crew member she was," he wrote in a statement.

He vowed to learn all he could from the tragedy, but a statement from the Gainey family said there's more to be done. They want the ship to implement a safety strategy and cut off ties with the Cook Islands Registry because of their "mystifying and disappointing action."

"Our goal was to find out what led to Laura's death and the (board's) thorough and independent investigation has given us this information. We are grateful for this and closure it brings."

The family also thanked the crew for their "exceptional efforts" in trying to find their daughter.

### Picton Castle

Actions taken by ship since death

- Strobe lights are to be worn by everyone while on deck.
- Breezeways lit at night.
- No one is to walk alone on deck.
- Crew and trainees are to be monitored to make sure they get enough rest.
- Everyone must wear a harness at night and in bad weather.
- All trainees must wear a harness when aloft.

The Transportation Safety Board said yesterday safety management systems are needed for all training vessels no matter what flag they fly. The Picton Castle is registered under the Cook Islands.

In its report, it encouraged Transport Canada to take a 'proactive position' with the International Maritime Organization to bring all sailing vessels within appropriate international conventions.

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(Turning back reportedly good for your health, see page 4)



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**Deer hunting season starts today**

The five-week season runs till Dec. 6. Hunters can donate meat to Feed Nova Scotia by bringing a deer or moose to a participating Hunters Helping the Hungry meat cutter. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Local



## Drivers, rejoice!

The price of gas is expected to drop below \$1 per litre in Halifax today, for the first time since 2005. Wild swings in the world financial markets have seen the price of oil plummet; gas could be had in New Brunswick yesterday for as low as 95.8 cents per litre. **METRO HALIFAX**

### Premier wants HRM by Design passed by council

**DEVELOPMENT** Rodney MacDonald wants to pass HRM by Design within a few days, even though it would ban the Waterside Centre that MacDonald champions.

"I stand by what I said last week. Council made

**"I stand by what I said last week Council made the wrong decision."**

Rodney MacDonald Under HRM by Design, the Waterside Centre could not be built because it doesn't meet certain standards. But MacDonald said the Waterside Centre was developed through the old process so it shouldn't be held to the new standards.

"You can't expect any development to start from scratch in that regard. That wouldn't be fair," he said.

**PAUL MCLEOD/METRO HALIFAX**

### No award for shortlisted centre

**AWARD** Although it was short-listed for a World Architecture Festival Award, the designers of the Pictou Landing Health Centre didn't take home the gold. The innovative design of the health centre, created by architect PDI – Piskwepaq Design Inc., was short-listed by an international jury of architects in the health category. It was competing against 15 other buildings from across the globe. The overall winner was The CBF Women's Health Centre in Italy.

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### Legislature New session starts



Premier Rodney MacDonald chats with Justice Minister Cecil Clarke at Province House yesterday.

## New kiddie porn bill

But cops don't know if it will lead to charges

**PAUL MCLEOD**



**The MacDonald government has a new bill it says will get tougher on child pornography, but police officers couldn't name a single instance in which the bill would have led to charges.**

Justice Minister Cecil Clarke's bill makes it a criminal offence if someone comes across child pornography and doesn't report it. The law would also protect people who report child pornography from retaliation.

The problem is police officers at a government press conference yesterday couldn't think of a time this law would have led to charges.

"I can't recall any investigations where that was the case," said Det. Const. Chris Gorman, who has spent the last four years tracking down child predators as part of the ICE police unit.

When asked again, Gor-

man said "I don't understand how I would know who has neglected to report."

It was one of several tumultuous moments at the press conference. The bill would punish people who falsely and maliciously report someone accessing child pornography. But Halifax Regional Police Superintendent Mike Burns said he wasn't aware of such a case ever happening.

Minister Clark also could not specifically name any police agency that had requested this new bill.

Still, officers expressed support for the plan.

Gorman said it would be another tool at their dispos-

al. Burns compared the bill to existing laws that require reporting child abuse.

RCMP spokesman Mark Gallagher said the bill would raise awareness to people who were uncertain of what to do, and send the message that fighting child pornography is a shared responsibility.

The justice minister insisted the bill would offer vital protection to people worried about reporting child pornography.

"We have individuals who are uncertain about 'if I report this will I lose my job? Will I be facing retribution for reporting something of concern? They will be protected.'

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## Opposition questions government's motives

**PAUL MCLEOD**



Opposition parties questioned the government's motives as it introduced a new child pornography bill yesterday.

The bill would make it illegal for people not to report child pornography if they see it. The Liberals and NDP questioned its effectiveness.

"It's going to make innocent Nova Scotians fearful that all of the sudden they should be more observant of their colleagues or that they should be fearful that somehow they're going to be dragged into an unfortunate situation, which they had absolutely nothing to do with," said Liberal justice critic Michel Samson.

"We want to make sure the government is focused on getting real results here, rather than just thumping their chest and making it look like they're doing something."

But Premier Rodney MacDonald said the bill was an important step in cracking down on child pornography.

"We need to do all we can to protect our young people. The message the opposition would send by voting against that would be they don't have those interests at the forefront where the government does," said MacDonald.

NDP justice critic Bill Estabrooks said he supports the spirit of the bill, but wants to see the details before he supports it.

Estabrooks questioned how the bill would be enforceable and said it was being used to divert attention away from issues like the economy.

"There's lots of politics in this one. I think they're trying to deflect from some of the issues that we'll be bringing forward," he said.

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**Province says civil servants due to retire in the next five years won't see pension benefits drop**

After that, though, it may have to reduce benefits. The civil service pension, which has 27,500 members, has suffered because of the global financial crisis. METRO HALIFAX

# Extra hour good for hearts

Study shows fewer heart attacks day after clocks go back

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**Turning back the clocks this weekend isn't just good for the social life.**

A new Swedish study published in Science Daily says putting back the clocks in the fall slightly reduces the risk of heart attacks the next day. In the spring, when clocks jump forward, the risks increase on average by five per cent during the following week.

QEII Health Sciences Centre cardiologist Nicholas Giacomantonio, who wasn't involved in the observational study, says the connection between the heart and sleep is well-known and has to do with the body's natural changes in blood pressure that take place when asleep and

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Dr. Nicholas Giacomantonio

awake. When people go to sleep, their heart rate slows and blood pressure drops.

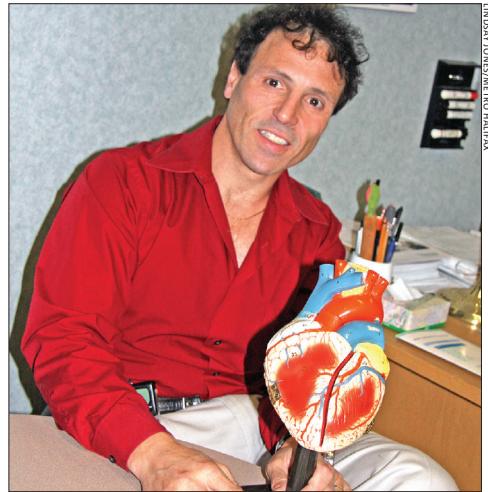
Between 6 a.m. and noon, when most people wake up, their blood pressure rises slightly.

"If you deprive that rhythm from occurring, you can have more heart attacks and more strokes," Giacomantonio said.

That's why some shift workers or those who have trouble sleeping tend to have high blood pressure.

"In the shifting of clocks, sleep deprivation keeps you from getting that natural drop in blood pressure," he added.

Before the clocks go back in the spring, Giacomantonio suggested people prepare by getting an extra hour of sleep a few



QEII Health Sciences Centre cardiologist Nicholas Giacomantonio says the connection between heart health and sleep has to do with the body's natural changes in blood pressure that occur when we're asleep and awake.

days ahead of time to lessen the risk.

More importantly, though, he advised people to control the risk factors for heart attacks and strokes, like high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes and smoking.

Exercising and taking medication regularly are key too.

## What you do with that extra hour is important

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Party later than usual or catch a few extra Zs?

That's the conundrum facing many this weekend as daylight savings time ends and the clocks go back one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday.

Rachel Morehouse, a Dalhousie University psy-

chiatry professor and the medical director of the Saint John, N.B.-based Atlantic Health Sciences Sleep Centre, says the latter is much healthier.

"It's probably the only night most of us get as much sleep as we need," she said.

"As long as we don't push it and think that we can stay up even later because we're going to get the extra hour."

With the exception of babies and teenagers, Morehouse says people should get, on average, at least eight hours of sleep, or as much as they need to feel rested the next day.

But most don't.

"This time change is giving people a chance to be normal," she says.

However, Morehouse cautions that people will only benefit from the ex-

### Changes

- Two years ago, Nova Scotia extended daylight saving time to mirror changes in the United States. Daylight saving time now begins three weeks earlier in the spring and lasts one week longer in the fall.

tra hour on just the one night.

## Tips for keeping little ghosts and ghouls safe

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and to deter any acts of vandalism."

Here are some tips for a safe Halloween:

- Children should be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Plan a safe route so parents know where their older kids will be at all times.
- Set a time for their return home. Make sure that your child is old enough and responsible enough to go out by themselves.
- Let children know not to cut through back alleys, pathways and fields.
- Try to limit criss-crossing the street. Go down one side of the street and up the other to limit the number of times you cross.
- There will be an enhanced RCMP presence in our communities to ensure the safety of the children.

Insp. Darrell Beaton

Never go inside a house, apartment or car of someone you don't know. Stay on the doorstep or sidewalk while trick-or-treating.

Make sure they know to stay in populated places and don't go off the beaten track.

Stay in well lighted areas. Stop only at familiar houses in your own neighbourhood unless they are accompanied by an adult.

Instruct your children not to eat any treats until they bring them home to be examined by you.

Make sure your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.

### Limit kids' candy overindulgence

**SWEETS** Halloween is perhaps the only time of year when it's acceptable to overindulge on junk food.

But public health dietitian Eileen MacKenzie warns that even a little Halloween candy can have an unhealthy effect on your child.

Halloween candy should be eaten in moderation.

However, if you spread the candy out over a long period of time, a child may get used to having it and will crave sugar long after the treats are gone.

MacKenzie says parents should set rules when it comes to Halloween candy, only allowing a child one piece after dinner.

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# The trials and tribulations of moving house

**Because I Said So**

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**Our house is for sale. It is a hard process. Oh, I'm not talking about lawyers, and real estate agents, and offers and counter-offers. No, that's easy. I'm talking about getting teenagers to clean their room. THAT's hard.**

"Do the girls have carpet or hardwood floor

in their room?" asked the younger boy wonder the day of the first showing.

My husband, who is a businessman and travels frequently, looked blank. I drew a similar blank.

I have not entered the teen queen pit for years. I am convinced I'm going to trip over one of the thousand items on their floor, break a hip, and not be found for days — unless someone needs 10 bucks for the movies. Then they'll come looking for me.

"Finding that out will be one of the cleaning sur-

**I'll miss the main staircase, where the boy wonders slid down on cookie sheets, completely oblivious to the glass door at the bottom. I'll also miss the kitchen, where at the ages of three and four they played Captain Hook and Peter Pan — with real knives.**

pries today," I said brightly. No one was buying it.

After 12 years, it's time to sell the old homestead. Believe it or not, it's too big for all six of us.

The teen queens are rarely home, and the boy wonders want a modern

place with a basement rec room, not a century-old home with a TV den tucked off a large main hallway.

Across the hallway is the living room where my husband and I sit, and occasionally yell out endearments like: "What are you

watching?," "Turn that off, NOW!" and "Who said you could play PlayStation?" I'm gonna miss that proximity. The boys? Not so much.

I'll miss the main staircase, where the boy wonders slid down on cookie sheets, completely oblivious to the glass door at the bottom. I'll also miss the kitchen, where at the ages of three and four they played Captain Hook and Peter Pan — with real knives. Mommy almost had her first real heart attack.

There's the veranda, once a big outdoor playpen and now where

we take prom pictures of beautiful teen queens. There is the large living room, where one year the Christmas tree fell on the baby. But we didn't see it. We were in the kitchen, on the phone with poison control. So many memories to take with us.

"I've got an idea," the older teen queen said matter-of-factly, as I mistily looked at the back yard, where four kids, three cats and two dogs once romped. "Let's rent a dumpster, and throw everything out."

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## Time to keep lights on during daylight

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If you've got an old car you could soon face a \$164 fine for not turning your lights on during the day.

The government proposed new changes to the Motor Vehicle Act yesterday that would make it illegal not to

use daytime headlights at all times. Automatic lights have been mandatory for all vehicles in Canada since 1990. Murray Scott, transportation minister

But all vehicles made before them that don't have automatic lights will have to keep their low beams on no matter how bright the sun is. Fine for a first offence is \$164, the second is \$222 and everything after that is \$337.

"Daytime running lights

have been shown to reduce daytime crashes by three to 10 per cent," said Transportation Minister Murray Scott.

"This will help ensure everyone benefits from the added safety that daytime running lights provide."

However, vintage cars that have an antique licence will be exempt because of questions whether their charging systems could handle the constant light use. Vehicles made as recently

as 25 years ago can apply for these specialty licences.

The bill would also allow private snow plows to drive over medians on highways. Right now only emergency vehicles or government plows are allowed.

### News in brief

**TOURISM** The high cost of gas and the high Canadian dollar kept Americans away this summer — and tourism operators shouldn't expect to see them coming back for at least another two years. John Somers, the executive director of Nova Scotia Tourism, is predicting the downswing in U.S. visitors will continue until at least 2010. "Nova Scotia is very vulnerable to this trend,"

Somers told local tourism operators who gathered for a tourism summit in Stellarton on Wednesday. However, Europeans are already accustomed to gas prices that are approaching \$2 per litre. Some

local operators reported having visitors from Europe this year who stayed longer because gas was so cheap for them.

**FINE** Business owners may soon find themselves shelling out cash for some prime advertising space in Truro. The town has started mailing letters to businesses that have illegally posted their signs on utility poles in Truro. The offence is covered under the land-use bylaw in place since 1998 and could result in a summary offence ticket of \$222.

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**Bowel disease inflaming health costs**

Inflammatory bowel disease will cost the health-care system \$753 million in 2008, the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of Canada estimates. It believes those with the disease will rack up over \$1 billion in indirect expenses, like short-term work absences. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Guardianship Act to see revival in fall

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**Lori Watkins is deciding between eating or heating this winter. The 53-year-old grandmother can't afford to do both.**

She's struggling to care for her special-needs granddaughter, Alison, who lives with her. Alison was born with craniosynostosis, a condition causing the bones in the skull to fuse together prematurely. She also has attention deficit disorder and is developmentally delayed.

While the government covers the costs of medication and travel to the pediatrician, Watkins' monthly \$506 social assistance check is barely enough to put food on the table. Fresh fruit and vegetables are a treat, saved for Alison only.

"I'll go hungry before she will — and I have," she says.

She could have handed Alison over to the government, and Community Services would have paid a foster family to take over. But Watkins says that was never an option.

"I'm not having a stranger raising her."

Carvell Gray and his wife Joyce, who are caring for their granddaughter Jesselyn, say they're slowly going broke. The Digby couple, both 69 and retired, have almost run through their RRSPs.

Gray says he doesn't want to apply for welfare.



Lori Watkins and her granddaughter, Alison, in their Beaver Bank home. Watkins says she's struggling to pay the bills, and can't get help from the province to care for her developmentally-delayed granddaughter.

He wouldn't qualify anyway, because he owns his own home.

"What I want is grandparental assistance."

Lucas Wide, Community Services spokesman, says there's nothing available like that.

"What's available now is what's available to any person who is looking after children within a family like that," he says.

"We do our best to keep (children) in families."

Wide says other family members can also take in children, and can apply for income assistance "just like any other ... person

would apply who is on a fixed income."

There are about 900 Nova Scotia children living with at least one grandparent. Harold Theriault, MLA for Digby-Annapolis Valley, says if the province helped grandparents, fewer children would be in provincial care because more grandparents could afford to take them in.

Last spring he proposed the Guardianship Act, a bill to grant support for low-income grandparents. It never got off the ground. He plans to re-introduce it in this fall's legislature sitting.

## Insurance case wraps up today

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**MONEY** Auto insurance rates in Nova Scotia have dropped, but by how much depends on whom you talk to.

The Insurance Bureau of Canada says rates are down 26.9 per cent since 2003. But lawyer Barry Mason said it's only down 8.5 per cent since the province put a cap of \$2,500 on soft tissue claims.

His clients, two women injured in accidents that weren't their fault, hired Mason to challenge the legislation in court.

"Really they're doing it on behalf of all Nova Scotians because the cap has a very draconian effect on

### Decision

- Now the case has been heard in court, the decision could take months.

people," he said outside the courtroom yesterday.

Mason said his numbers come from testimony given by an independent actuary.

"The profits have certainly gone up significantly but there's been hardly no corresponding, meaningful decrease in premiums."

Bill Adams, with the Insurance Bureau of Canada, which is an intervener in the case, said the cap serves its purpose by reducing premiums for drivers.

"With a 26.9 per cent decrease in auto insurance premiums attributable to the cap, we believe it has been a successful reform that has served Nova Scotians well," he wrote in an e-mail. "Thus our defense of it."

The case has taken weeks in the Supreme Court and is expected to wrap up today.

"The auto insurance industry has a significant interest in this issue and looks forward to Justice (Walter) Goodfellow's decision," Adams said.

Mason said he's asking for the cap to be declared unconstitutional.

If successful in his bid, Mason said the decision could have significant consequences for Nova Scotian accident victims.

## Store owner furious with province

**CONSTRUCTION** Transportation Minister Murray Scott may soon get the keys to his own grocery store.

Tom Everill, owner of Craig's Grocery in Amherst Shore, is so upset with the continued closure of Route 366 that he's thinking of turning his business' keys over to the province's transportation minister.

"This is the start of the fourth week and they are no further ahead than they were three weeks ago," Everill said.

### business worth

- Everill said he built the business from a \$60,000-a-year operation to a \$600,000 one, but it's all in danger of drying up because people can't get to his store, restaurant and liquor outlet.

He said he was originally told it would take just two weeks, but now the project is in its fourth week with no end in sight. "It's killing

my business."

Crews from Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal closed Highway 366 near Amherst Shore Provincial Park several weeks ago to replace an old wooden culvert with a new concrete one.

Because of the closure, motorists are forced to take a 15-km detour. Everill said the work keeps potential customers from coming to his store — from both sides.

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Background information is available on the government website at [www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/committees/democraticprocess.html](http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/committees/democraticprocess.html) and on committee group on Facebook.

If you're going to Clayton Park tomorrow, don't take Bayview Road. It'll be closed to traffic between Lacewood Drive and Gateway Road Saturday between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. The city suggests you use alternate routes at Lacewood Drive to Joseph Howe Drive. METRO HALIFAX

**City suggesting alternate routes in road closures**

# Returning to the Atlantic graveyard

**It was June 30, 1923, when a wireless operator received a Morse code message from an American Coast Guard cutter instructing a midwife how to safely deliver a child.**

That day, Sydney Mines resident Augustine (Gus) Walsh became one of only two people known to have been born on the graveyard of the Atlantic, better

known as Sable Island.

On Saturday, some 85 years after his birth, Walsh made his second visit back to the island since leaving at the age of two.

"I would call it an oasis in the middle of the Atlantic," said Walsh, one of two people born on the island since 1920.

"It made me very happy, not sad, because I was able to go back in memory of

**"We certainly go out there, not regularly, but at times we have to go out there. Given that we had an opportunity to bring him out there with no extra cost and he was willing to do it, so we undertook it"**

Tim Surette, director of maritime services for the Canadian Coast Guard

my mom and father and was able to visit my birthplace."

That wireless operator was his father, M.J. Walsh, who was transferred from

Sable Island to Fogo Island, Newfoundland, a short time after the birth of his son.

Walsh remembers his parents talking about horseback riding on the island famous for its ponies.

He visited for the first time in 1998, and says he probably won't visit a third time.

Tim Surette, director of Maritime services for the

Canadian Coast Guard, said hundreds of people visit the island each year. The Walsh visit, though, was unique.

"We certainly go out there, not regularly, but at times we have to go out there. Given that we had an opportunity to bring him out there with no extra cost, and he was willing to do it, we undertook it."

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# Canada

**PM defends budget deficit turnaround**

**ECONOMY** Prime Minister Stephen Harper defended yesterday his government's about-face on the possibility of running a budget deficit next year, saying that sudden changes have made the economic future tough to predict.

During the campaign for the Oct. 14 election, he had ruled out budget deficits, but since his government's re-election, he and Finance Minister Jim Flaherty have allowed for the possibility of going into the red.

"The truth of the matter is that everything that's happened during — and particularly since — the election indicates that we will not be making any economic predictions in the near future," he said.

"If anything we've had more instability in various markets since the election campaign. The minister of finance, I know, is in the process of consulting with various forecasters and economists. They are giving us a very wide range of possible trajectories for the international economy, which have some consequences on Canada."

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The Manitoba government is taking Air Canada to court over job cuts in Winnipeg. The province says the airline appears to be breaking the law by closing the city's flight attendant base, a move that will affect about 145 people. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

## Downturn hits food banks

Canada's food banks may have a harder time feeding the poor this winter as the global economic crisis leads major companies to slash donations, the nation's food bank association said yesterday. While big companies provide the bulk of the food donations, individual giving has also dropped as economic gloom forces people to rein in spending, the association said. **REUTERS**



## Tory cabinet sworn in

**'Economy will be job No. 1 in every aspect'**

**Prime Minister Stephen Harper unveiled a new cabinet yesterday and vowed to defend Canada against a global crisis that he said was making it harder to predict the nation's economic future.**

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, who has become the face of Canada's effort to fend off the growing financial turmoil, stayed in his post as expected. He is due to attend a series of international meetings in the next few weeks on the crisis that is striking Canada with increasing severity.

"The economy ... will be job No. 1 in every aspect of our government," Harper told a news conference.

Harper added several junior ministers to the cabinet, with almost a third of all the jobs going to women. He made the changes after the ruling Conservatives retained power in the Oct. 14 election with a strengthened minority.

During the election campaign, both Harper and Flaherty promised not to run a deficit over the next four years, but they have since



Gail Shea, MP for Egmont, P.E.I., was one of 11 women sworn in to the federal cabinet yesterday. She will serve as minister of fisheries and oceans.

changed their tune.

Harper said Ottawa was on track to record a small surplus this year, but he declined to say what would

happen after that, citing what he said was increased uncertainty in the Canadian and world economies.

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### Female ministers

The federal cabinet got a more feminine touch after a higher proportion of women than ever before joined the upper ranks of government yesterday.

The shuffle put 11 women into the 38-member cabinet — eight as full ministers and three as junior ministers — including three rookie Members of Parliament given senior portfolios.

The new female ministers are: Lisa Raitt, minister of natural resources; Leona Aglukkaq, health minister; Gail Shea, minister of fisheries and oceans; and Lynn Yelich, minister of state for western economic diversification.

Women returning to cabinet are: Josée Verner, minister of intergovernmental affairs; Rona Ambrose, minister of labour; Diane Finley, minister of human resources and skills development; Bev Oda, minister of international co-operation; Diane Ablonczy, minister of state for small business and tourism; and Marjory LeBreton, government Senate leader.

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### Climate change to affect creatures differently: Report

**SCIENCE** Climate change is likely to disrupt food chains by favouring animals with short lifespans over bigger rivals that are worse at tolerating temperature swings, Canadian and German scientists said yesterday.

The researchers said that studies of the physical characteristics of animals showed that all have widely differing "thermal windows" — a range of temperatures in which they best feed, grow and reproduce. That meant that climate change would not affect all equally.

"Climate change will favour species with wide thermal windows, short lifespans, and a large gene pool amongst its population," the journal *Science* said of the findings.

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### News in brief

**MONTREAL** Though a rather outsized figure on television, Ben Mulroney kept his wedding decidedly small. The son of the former prime minister and host of *eTalk Daily* and *Canadian Idol* married fashion stylist Jessica Brownstein yesterday in what was described as a traditional ceremony at St. Patrick's Basilica in downtown Montreal in front of about 60 to 75 people, according to guests.

**MANITOBA** The fire that killed two boys on the Opaskwayak Cree Nation this week was started by a group of kids playing inside a locked shed, police said Wednesday, CBC News Online reports. Ethan Flett, 6, and Gerrod Head, 7, died after they became trapped in a wooden garden shed in the yard of a house that had been destroyed by a suspicious fire earlier this year.

**CHARGED** An off-duty New Westminster, B.C., police officer allegedly failed two breathalyser tests after an unmarked cruiser smashed into a highway sign in North Vancouver, RCMP Cpl. Peter Thiessen said yesterday. The incident involving the 47-year-old female officer occurred on Oct. 16, but police didn't announce it until yesterday.

**WELFARE COSTS** The Ontario government will spend the next decade taking back welfare costs dumped on cities and towns in the 1990s, but municipalities remain saddled with hefty social housing costs.

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**Hebrew texts unearthed**

Archaeologists in Israel said yesterday they had unearthed the oldest Hebrew text ever found while excavating a fortress city overlooking a valley where the Bible says David slew Goliath. **REUTERS**

# World



## Iraqi president wants security deal done

Iraqi President Jalal Talabani urged a swift conclusion yesterday to a long-delayed security pact with the United States that would allow U.S. troops to stay in Iraq through 2011. The agreement, which will replace a United Nations mandate that expires at the end of the year, appeared finalized as late as last week, until Iraqi leaders said they were seeking several changes to the text. Washington is now reviewing the proposals.

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## Race enters final weekend

**Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama duelled over the economy yesterday in the last stretch of their fierce fight for the White House, with McCain charging Obama would not do enough to rein in oil company profits.**

Mccain jumped on the record quarterly profits posted by Exxon Mobil, noting Obama had supported tax breaks for the oil industry in the 2005 energy bill and said, "When I'm president, we're not going to let that happen.

"Senator Obama voted for billions in corporate giveaways to the oil companies. I voted against it," McCain told supporters in Defiance, Ohio, as he tried to jump-start a comeback in a race that appears to be tipping toward Obama.

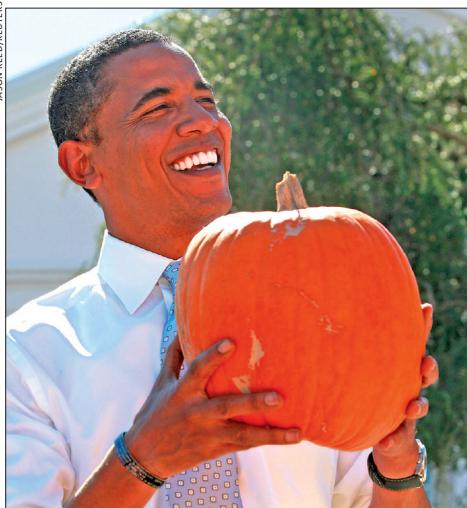
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"If I'm elected president, we're going to stop sending \$700 billion a year to pay for oil from countries that don't like us very much," McCain said. "We're going to drill off shore and we're going to drill now."

Obama leads McCain in national opinion polls and in key states like Florida and Ohio with five days of campaigning left before Tuesday's presidential election.

At a rally in Sarasota, Fla., Obama referred to yesterday's announcement that the U.S. economy had suffered its sharpest contraction in seven years, and said the drop in gross domestic product reflected the failed Republican economic policies of McCain and President George W. Bush.

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U.S. Democratic presidential nominee Senator Barack Obama holds up a pumpkin he bought during his visit to the United Methodist Church Pumpkin Patch in Sarasota, Fla., yesterday.

## Economy on top of U.S. troops' worries

**ELECTION** Four years ago, U.S. troops in Iraq fretted about their buddies being killed in bomb blasts and wondered how the presidential race would affect the war.

Now, with violence in Iraq sharply down and the U.S. economy in danger, they are more worried about what the winner of the Nov. 4 presidential election will do to rescue their savings and

properties from economic collapse

"I've been following this election more than any before ... The economy is a huge issue for us," said Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Shay, a U.S. soldier stationed in Baghdad.

"When you call home and you hear someone lost his job ... That scares me," said Shay, who comes from Wisconsin.

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### News in brief

**PRIESTS** Candidates for the Catholic priesthood should undergo psychological tests to screen out heterosexuals unable to control their sexual urges and men with strong homosexual tendencies, the Vatican said yesterday.

**SAINTHOOD** Pope Benedict told Jewish leaders yesterday he was "seriously considering" freezing the sainthood process of his Nazi-era predecessor Pius XII until historical archives can be opened, one Jewish leader said.

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# At least 68 dead in India

**Eleven bomb blasts in quick succession ripped through the main city of India's troubled northeastern Assam state and three other towns yesterday, killing at least 68 people and wounding 335, police said.**

No one has so far claimed responsibility for the bomb blasts, which security analysts said appeared to be co-ordinated.

Assam has been a focus of a separatist insurgency for decades, but it has also recently suffered bomb attacks blamed on Islamist militants from neighbouring Bangladesh.

Many of yesterday's blasts were in crowded markets in the state, and many bombs were hidden in motorcycles or scooters.

Firefighters doused the smouldering remains of cars and motorcycles at one of the blast sites in Guwahati. One of the blasts targeted a high-security zone with a court as well as offices and the homes of senior police offi-

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## Islamist militants

- Security analysts and military intelligence officials said the Assam blasts, the worst attack in the troubled northeast, bore the hallmarks of strikes by Islamist militants.

cials.

Television channels showed some people lying on the streets, their clothes soaked in blood. Some of the walking wounded were helped into ambulances by bystanders and police.

"Immediately after the blast there was complete darkness for a while, and I later saw several bodies and severed limbs all around," said Bikash Goyal, a witness in Guwahati.

A spokesman at Assam's chief minister's office said 36 people were killed in four blasts in Guwahati. The other 32 people were killed in three other towns in the state.

# Warming affecting Arctic, Antarctic ice

**CLIMATE** Both Antarctica and the Arctic are getting less icy because of global warming, scientists said yesterday in a study that extends evidence of man-made climate change to "We're able for the first time to directly attribute warming in both the Arctic and the Antarctic to human influences."

Detection of a human cause of warming at both ends of the earth also strengthens a Nathan Gillett need to understand ice sheets on Antarctica and Greenland that would raise world sea levels by about 70 metres if they all melted, they said.

"We're able for the first time to directly attribute

warming in both the Arctic and the Antarctic to human influences," said Nathan Gillett of England's University of East Anglia of a study he led with colleagues in the United States, Britain and Japan.

The Arctic has warmed sharply in recent years and sea ice shrank in 2007 to a record low. But Antarctic trends have been confusing — some winters sea ice has expanded in recent decades, leaving doubts for some about whether warming was global.

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## News in brief

**SCIENCE** Researchers combing the human gene map have found four more areas that affect the risk of Alzheimer's disease and believe the studies are starting to point to new and better treatments. Some of the genes, associated with the most common form of Alzheimer's, appear linked to known genetic risks for the degenerative brain disorder, the

team at Harvard Medical School in Boston reported yesterday.

**REPLACED** Russian President Dmitry Medvedev replaced the leader of the violent southern region of Ingushetia yesterday, a man analysts said had aggravated an Islamist insurgency with his heavy-handed rule.

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# Comment & Views

**Comment**

## Sit this one out, ladies

Women got a raw deal in U.S. election campaign

**OmniVision**
**Rick McGinnis**

This U.S. election cycle has been an ugly and divisive one, by any standards. As Canadians, we have the front rows on the bleacher seats for the big event, and get to see the blood and hear the broken bones much more intimately than most other countries. Still, we can't take part, but if anyone south of our border — or west of it, since Alaska has played a role of unprecedented prominence this time around — is listening, I have a suggestion to make, one offered with my tongue only slightly in cheek.

I am urging American women not to vote in this year's election. I realize that ignoring your franchise and rebuking the pow-

19th Amendment — if only for one election — sounds absurd, especially in such a hotly contested election, but hear me out.

This has been an extraordinarily depressing election to witness, based on what I'm hearing from women on both sides of the political divide.

"I cannot predict who will win the presidential campaign," wrote women's-rights advocate Helen McCaffrey in the Philadelphia Inquirer, "but I already know who will lose big: All women."

She describes a young male student at the community college where she teaches, wearing a Sarah Palin Is A C-t T-shirt "without shame or even consciousness of what he was doing." She recalls attending a Barack Obama rally where the mention of Palin's name "drew shouts of, 'Stone her.'" She laments that "instead of engaging Palin on the issues, critics attacked attributes that are specifically female. It is Hillary's pantsuit to the pow-

er of 10."

**After this election, it's hard to imagine a bright woman in either party willingly allowing herself and her family to endure this gauntlet of character assassination.**

It was hard to ignore the treatment Hillary Clinton got in the bitter fight for the Democratic nomination, almost entirely from members of the media and political classes that identified themselves as liberal, or as supporters of her party. After this election, it's hard to imagine a bright woman in either party willingly allowing herself and her family to endure this gauntlet of character assassination.

"Thank God for election 2008," lamented Wendy Button, a speechwriter for Clinton, John Edwards and Obama, on the Daily Beast

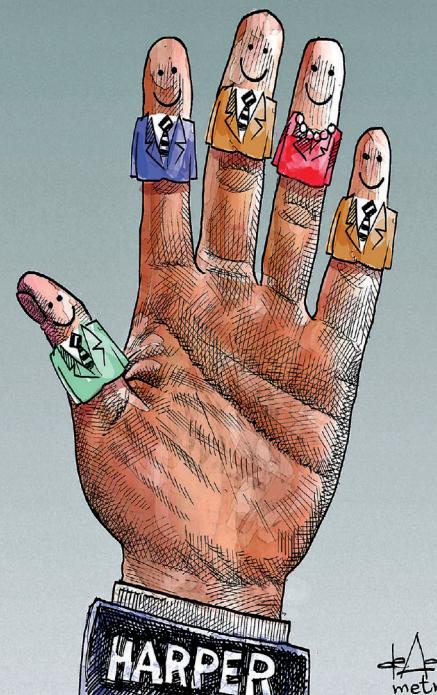
political website.

"We can talk about the wardrobe and makeup even though most people don't understand the details about Senator Obama's plan with Iraq." A lifelong Democrat, she despairs at how her party has turned on two female candidates with such retrograde, belittling rhetoric.

It's neither likely nor perhaps even desirable, but if half of U.S. voters withdrew their franchise in protest, it would wreak havoc with pollsters and campaign operatives at the very least, and delegitimize a dispiriting and tainted election at best. It's a slap that would perhaps bring otherwise intelligent people back to their senses, and restore some decency to a process that has devolved into a shameful rebuke of a woman's right to participate in her country's political life.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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**Letters**

**Stephen Lund, President & CEO, Nova Scotia Business Inc.**

If you live anywhere in this city, work in this city, pay taxes in this city — downtown development (or the lack thereof) has an impact on you.

City council's decision on the Waterside Centre

development was a step back for our city. In my mind, council's role is to support development or get out of the way.

When I walk down some of the streets in downtown Halifax with potential clients, we all struggle to tell the difference between a dilapidated structure and a

heritage property. Halifax has been sending the wrong message for far too long: We're willing to sacrifice growth, careers, revenue and this city's professional reputation for the sake of the status quo.

What's worse is the message we're sending the next generation: Your future is

not a priority.

Halifax has to catch up if we want to stay in the game. We can't afford to say no to growth anymore.

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# Business

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## Business in brief

**CURRENCY** The loonie's rebound won't likely reach parity with the greenback again, analysts said, given vulnerable equities, little market confidence and the credit crunch.

**INDUSTRY** Canadian manufacturers are starting to feel the pinch from the U.S. credit crunch as customers cancel orders or delay payments, a major trade group said.

**LAYOFFS** American Express Co. said it will cut 7,000 jobs, slash expenses and scale back investments to save \$1.8 billion US next year to cope with high costs and bad loans. REUTERS

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## CRTC knocks down costly 'fee for carriage' proposal

Canada's television regulator denied an appeal by major broadcasters to begin charging carrying fees to cable and satellite companies, averting the potential for hefty hikes to Canadians' television bills.

Big broadcasters had complained to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission that it was unfair that cable and satellite companies could air their signals without paying a so-called "fee for carriage." Such fees would have likely been passed along to consumers — likely meaning a \$2 to \$10 jump in monthly bills.

"All of the major compa-

"The industry is not on the verge of disappearing ... There is just no economic rationale for doing it."

Konrad von Finckenstein

nies in the last few years have managed to consume billion-dollar (advertising) deals," CRTC Chairman Konrad von Finckenstein said. "So clearly the industry is not on the verge of disappearing. So we denied the fee for carriage ... There is just no economic

rationale for doing it."

The country's largest cable company, Rogers Communications Inc., welcomed the ruling, which they said could have added millions in costs and meant higher monthly bills for subscribers.

A Rogers official cautioned, however, that subscribers could end up bearing the \$60-million cost of a new CRTC fund to support local programming in communities with less than one million people.

The CRTC said cable and satellite companies should be able to absorb the cost, which amounts to 50 cents per subscriber.

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## Imperial Oil posts record Q3 profits

**ENERGY** Imperial Oil Ltd.'s third-quarter profit surged 70 per cent as crude prices hit records before the world financial crisis led to a steep drop. Canada's largest oil producer and refiner said yesterday.

Imperial, which is majority owned by U.S. oil major Exxon Mobil Corp. and is a major oilsands player, earned a company-high \$1.4 billion, or \$1.57 a

share, in the quarter, up from year-earlier \$816 million, or 88 cents a share.

It had been expected to earn \$1.22 a share, according to a Reuters Estimates survey of analysts' forecasts.

Revenue rose 51 per cent to \$9.5 billion from \$6.3 billion.

The industry has been pumping out strong results for the quarter after

oil prices averaged \$118.22 US a barrel, up 57 per cent for a year earlier, and Canadian natural gas averaged \$7.35 a gigajoule, up 49 per cent.

But investors, facing big stock-price losses, are now focused on future prospects as the subsequent drop in oil prices and the credit crunch point to much smaller 2009 budgets.

REUTERS



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**Beckham loan finalized**

David Beckham will officially join AC Milan on loan early in the new year. The Italian club says that the former England captain will join the Serie A team in a loan deal from the Los Angeles Galaxy as of Jan. 7. It did not immediately release details on the length of Beckham's stay. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Sports

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## Herzog likes neutral site World Series

**York Report****Marty York**

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The weather woes in Philadelphia earlier this week are producing proposals for drastic changes to future World Series. Former major-league manager **Whitey Herzog**, for example, is leading a movement for Series to be played at neutral venues that could seat 75,000 spectators in domes or warm-weather stadiums. "You could call it World Series Week," Herzog said. "You've got the old school saying you'd take the Series away from the home fans and all that, but that's stupid since hometown fans (because of high ticket prices) don't get to see the World Series anyway."

I like it.

A gold-medal-winning rower at the recent Summer Olympics in Beijing is taking part in the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver. As a fundraiser.

**Malcolm Howard** of the men's eight rowing squad is eyeing at least \$1-million in donations for Canada's win-

ter Olympians.

"My success led me to think about how I could make a real and lasting difference in Canada," Howard, a Harvard graduate, explained. "How could I help Canada have more golden moments? I come from winning in a rowing eight, where we push and help each other achieve excellence. Now that I've achieved my dream, I can help other athletes achieve theirs. I have had the opportunity to meet many Canadian athletes. We all share the passion, the dedication and the dream. Unfortunately, most of us struggle financially. I know the importance of direct funding." Check out www.Malcolmssmillion.com.

• So **Mike Singletary** was making his debut as the San Francisco 49ers' head coach

**Chip off the block**

• The father of Boston Bruins star Phil Kessel is a former CFL quarterback. Phil Kessel Sr. played briefly for the Calgary Stampeders in 1982. "I may have gotten some skill from my dad," Kessel Jr. said, "but I got my speed and athleticism from my mom (Kathy, a former track-and-field star in U.S. college)."

**Sports in brief**

**NFL** ESPN says the U.S. presidential candidates Barack Obama and John McCain are planning to participate in one-on-one interviews via satellite that would air during Monday

Night Football, one day before the American election.

**NHL** Montreal Canadiens prospect Pavel Valenchenko has signed a three-year contract

last Sunday, his team was trailing 20-3 after two quarters, and he decided he needed to motivate his players at halftime.

So he dropped his pants. And pointed to his rear end. And used this visual to describe what was happening to his team. And kept his pants around his ankles for four minutes. Didn't work.

The 49ers were beaten 34-13 by the Seattle Seahawks.

• Don't be surprised if:

**Pat Gillick**, who led the Phillies to the championship this week as their GM, resurfaces at 71 as a high-level consultant with the Blue Jays.

**Mats Sundin**, a highly coveted NHL free agent, signs for megabucks with the Senators before January.

**Brendan Shanahan**, who can't return to the New York Rangers because of cap issues, joins the New Jersey Devils within week.

**Michael Clemons**, who as chief of the Argonauts did not endear himself to ownership during a dreadful 2008 season, remains in the Toronto organization next year only if he agrees to return as head coach.

• And please visit www.metronews.ca for my latest CFL Report.

**Burnett may opt out by Monday**

ESPN is reporting that Blue Jays pitcher A.J. Burnett expects to decide whether to exercise the opt-out clause in his contract before the start of the Major League Baseball general managers' meetings on Monday. Burnett posted an 18-10 record with a 4.07 ERA this season and ranked third in the major leagues in strikeouts behind Tim Lincecum and C.C. Sabathia.

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**NHL Eyes on the prize**

Canadiens' goalie Carey Price keeps his eyes on the puck as the Wild try and score on a two-man advantage in Minnesota last night. Price made 28 saves as Montreal held on for a 2-1 victory.

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**Alfredsson re-signs with Senators**

**NHL** The Ottawa Senators signed captain and all-time leading scorer Daniel Alfredsson to a four-year contract extension on Thursday with the Swede almost certain to finish his career in the Canadian capital. Media reports said the deal was worth \$22 million to Alfredsson.



"The Senators organization and the city of Ottawa have embraced both me and my family as part of this community," Alfredsson told reporters at a news confer-

ence.

"It's an exciting time for our family to know that we'll be able to spend the rest of my NHL career in Ottawa."

Alfredsson is the franchise leader in games played (861), goals (334), assists (522) and points (856).

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**SCOREBOARD****QMJHL**

		ATLANTIC DIVISION		
		W	L	OT
Moncton	15	0	2	32
Cape Breton	12	5	0	24
Saint John	9	8	1	19
Bathurst	7	9	2	18
P.E.I.	7	9	2	16
HALIFAX	6	11	0	12

**CENTRAL DIVISION**

	W	L	OT	P
Shawinigan	15	4	0	30
Drummondville	12	3	2	26
Victoriaville	10	10	0	20
Lewiston	6	11	0	12

**EAST DIVISION**

	W	L	OT	P
Quebec	12	2	1	25
Rimouski	11	5	0	22
Baie-Comeau	5	8	3	13
Chicoutimi	5	11	2	12

**LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS**

HALIFAX	6	Saint John	3
Moncton	3	P.E.I.	2 (SO)
Shawinigan	3	Victoriaville	2

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ATLANTIC CONFERENCE FINAL STANDINGS				
	W	L	T	PTS
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## 16 sports



The Dalhousie Tigers begin their quest for a 23rd consecutive Atlantic University Sport men's volleyball title on the weekend. The Tigers kick off the season at home against the Memorial Sea-Hawks on Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Dal ready to defend

## Glavic ruled out for Loney Bowl

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**AUS FOOTBALL** The Saint Mary's Huskies have ruled out the return of Hec Crighton-winning quarterback Erik Glavic for the Atlantic University Sport football final on Nov. 7.

The Huskies had held a glimmer of hope that Glavic

might return from major knee surgery for the Loney Bowl, but he hasn't practised since making a brief comeback attempt in a Sept. 19 win over the Mount Allison Mounties.

"He won't be playing," Huskies head coach Steve Sumarah said. "We want him out there playing, but as a team, we've already taken our steps to move forward." Glavic blew out his knee in last year's Uteck Bowl.

Rockie Jack Creighton, who has passed for 27-of-62 for 334 yards, three touchdowns and five interceptions in three starts this season, will get the nod in Glavic's place.

The Huskies do expect receiver Carl Hardwick and running back Devon Jones to be healthy by next week.

### Sports in brief

**BASEBALL** Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League champion Halifax Pelham Canadians will face their alumni team on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Mainland Common. Former Major Leaguer Bill (Spaceman) Lee will be on the alumni team.

**RUGBY** Ghislaine Landry of the St. Francis Xavier X-Women was named Canadian Interuniversity Sport's women's rugby player of the year yesterday. It is the second straight year the third-year fullback has earned the honour. METRO NEWS SERVICES



### Wentworth Ski Racing Club Annual SKI AND SNOWBOARD SWAP

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### Sea Dogs 3 Mooseheads 6

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**The Halifax Mooseheads** reaped lucrative rewards after making a heavy investment in a rookie-laden lineup.

Rookies contributed the opening five goals and first-year goaltender Mathieu Corbeil made some big-game saves as the Mooseheads earned an unexpected 6-3 victory over the Saint John Sea Dogs last night at the Metro Centre.

The win over one of the top QMJHL contenders was that much more impressive considering it was Halifax's first game without injured star forward Logan MacMillan.

"It's pretty sweet," said Jessyko Bernard, who had a goal and an assist after a top-line promotion.

"The rookies are getting a chance to play, and we're making the most of it."

"But a goal's a goal — it doesn't matter who's scoring it."

Halifax actually looked dead in the water 2:48 in, when Payton Liske scored on Saint John's second shot. But Bernard, Gabriel Desjardins and Alexis Piete scored three times

**"It's pretty sweet. The rookies are getting a chance to play, and we're making the most of it. But a goal's a goal — it doesn't matter who's scoring it."**

Jessyko Bernard

in 59 seconds later that period as the Mooseheads took control.

Piette would respond to a David Stich goal a few minutes later to leave the score 4-2 after a wild first.

Gerrad Grant scored in the second and Yuri Cheremetiev in the third as the Mooseheads improved to 6-11 and left the Sea Dogs frustrated and parading to the penalty box.

"We came to the rink not thinking about the score," said Piette, who was the first star after sitting in the press box as a healthy scratch the previous two games.

"We wanted to work hard and make some plays, and it happened for us."

Featured in Corbeil's 31-save performance was a penalty-shot stop on Chris

## Rookies lead Mooseheads to win



Saint John Sea Dogs right winger Ryan Sparling flies by Mooseheads goaltender Mathieu Corbeil during the second period of Thursday night's QMJHL game at the Metro Centre.

DiDomenico. He also turned away Mike Thomas and Steven Anthony on point-blank attempts.

"When players score six goals on a good team like this, it's not easy," said Corbeil, who bounced back after being pulled in

his only other start on home ice.

"I did my part."

Last night's crowd of 5,201 was the lowest recorded in franchise history, a mark already set three times this season.

The Mooseheads are

back in action Saturday on the road against the Moncton Wildcats, who are off to the best start in QMJHL history at 15-0-2.

They host the defending champion Gatineau Olympiques on Sunday at 4 p.m.

## Dal women's soccer team is in it to win it

**MATTHEW WUEST**  
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The Dalhousie Tigers are a team built for the future. As it turns out, the present looks pretty bright, too.

The Tigers, loaded with first- and sec-

**"Anytime you get to the dance, you should dance."**

ond-year players, enter the Atlantic University Sport women's soccer championship this weekend at Huskies Stadium as the third seed.

After a 6-4-3 season, the

rebuilding plan is out the window.

"If you had said to me at the beginning of the year, 'You're going to the AUS championship as the third seed, will you take it?' I would have pulled your

arm out of the socket (on a handshake)," said Dal head coach Jack Hutchison.

"Right now, we don't talk 'rookie' on this team. We're here to win." The Tigers boast a trio of AUS all-stars — third-years Jeanette Huck and



Kate MacDonald leads the team with four goals.

### Dal wins three major soccer awards

- The Dalhousie Tigers picked up three of Atlantic University Sport's major soccer awards yesterday.
- Men's head coach Pat Nearing, who led the Tigers from last place to third place with a 7-4-2 record, earned coach of the year honours.
- Back Kerry Weymann, who played all 90 minutes in 12 of 13 games, collected rookie of the year.
- Women's head coach Jack Hutchison was also named top coach.

Other award winners were:

- Moncton's Olivier Babin-eau and Memorial's Laura Breen earned men's and women's MVP awards.
- Dartmouth's Curtis Michaelis of the Mount Allison Mounties collected the student-athlete community service award.
- Acadia's Andrea Murphy was top women's rookie.

Kate MacDonald and fifth-year Stephanie Collins — and each of them has contributed to Dal's success.

MacDonald, with four goals, and Huck, with two, are the Tigers' only multi-goal scorers, while Collins is the only player on the team with five years experience.

Although 18 of 24 players on the team are in their first or second years, the Tigers are hoping to win now.

"Anytime you get to the

dance, you should dance," Hutchison said.

"That's our approach. These girls are going to a championship, and as far as they're concerned, they want to win it."

Dal plays the P.E.I. Panthers in the quarterfinals today at 1 p.m.

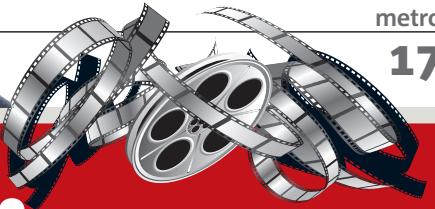
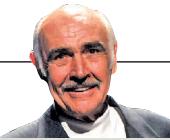
The host Saint Mary's Huskies, seeded fifth, face the St. Francis Xavier X-Women at 3 p.m. Dalhousie and Saint Mary's play in the men's tournament in Sackville, N.B.

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**Return from retirement rumour snuffed out**

Former James Bond star Sir Sean Connery has denied reports he is set to come out of retirement for one last film with actor Orlando Bloom. [IMDB.COM](#)



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# Movies&Entertainment

EDITOR: TINA COSTANZA, [TINA.COSTANZA@METRONEWS.CA](mailto:TINA.COSTANZA@METRONEWS.CA)**Movies****Jolie's mother role**

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Angelina Jolie gives a striking, distraught performance as a woman in a time of excessive subservience, rising up against her persecutors in Clint Eastwood's movie Changeling. You have to remind yourself that the film is based on a true story.

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This Bond girl is different, says actress Olga Kurylenko.

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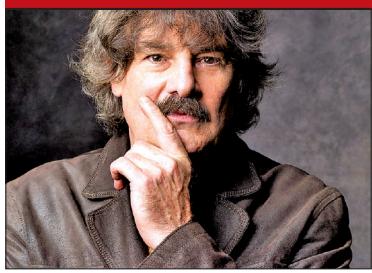
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# Changeling inspiring

### Changeling

**Director:** Clint Eastwood  
**Stars:** Angelina Jolie, John Malkovich  
**Classification:** 14A  
**Rating:** ★★★

**STEVE GOW**  
for Metro Canada

**Shortly after the title dissolves from the screen at the beginning of Changeling, it's immediately followed by three words — "A true story."**

If you don't remind yourself of that over the next two-plus hours, you might find this drama somewhat overwrought.

Directed by legendary icon Clint Eastwood — who only gets better with age — Changeling tells the emotional journey of

Christine Collins (Angelina Jolie), a single mother in 1920s Los Angeles who comes home to find her son missing.

Following weeks of relentless searching, the police suddenly show up with her child, reporters in tow. Great. Only there's a catch: It ain't him.

The problem is that in 1928, the corrupt LAPD had a horrendous public-relations dilemma, so some clod in the force thought it'd be a slick move to replace Collins's son with another kid, hoping she wouldn't notice.

When she obviously and very publicly does, the LAPD does the only thing it can: Make life hell for the poor mom.

Now, what was it rappers NWA used to say about the LAPD again?

Jolie gives a striking, distraught performance of a woman in a time of excessive subservience, rising up against her persecutors "and the horse they rode in on." As pedestrian as those words read, she makes them sing.

Meanwhile, Eastwood creates a moody, authentic world here, capturing great performances and turning a seemingly diminutive tale into compelling drama. As bulky as this film is, its riveting story never tires, and more so, it inspires.

In today's political climate, it's no mistake that many films are decrying the power of institutions and heralding the characters that rise above them.

Who knew that at age 78, Eastwood was still a rebel?



Angelina Jolie delivers a striking performance in Changeling.

# Zack and Miri sweet and raunchy

### Zack and Miri Make a Porno

**Director:** Kevin Smith  
**Stars:** Seth Rogen, Elizabeth Banks  
**Classification:** 18A  
**Rating:** ★★★½

**PHIL BROWN**  
for Metro Canada

**REVIEW** Zack And Miri Make a Porno hits screens amidst a sea of controversy. The initial poster was banned in the U.S. and several multiplexes are refusing to play the film ... and all because the word "porno" is in the title.

If any of the offended parties actually watched the film, they would discover that it is actually a very sweet romantic come-



Seth Rogen and Elizabeth Banks play the title duo in Kevin Smith's Zack and Miri Make a Porno.

dy about two best friends discovering their love for one another. Granted, they discover it while having sex on camera for a quick buck — but it is very sweet nonetheless.

There's only one man

who could have made this movie and that's Kevin Smith. Ever since his inspirational micro-budget debut, Smith has been the reigning master of raunchy, dialogue-driven comedies with heart.

Over the last few years, the writer/director has seen his once controversial style enter the mainstream thanks to filmmaker Judd Apatow. But rather than be upset, Smith has welcomed members of the Apatow

ensemble into his team. Seth Rogen, Elizabeth Banks, Justin Long and Craig Robinson have joined Smith veterans Jason Mewes and Jeff Anderson to create one of the best movies of Smith's career.

Summarizing the plot is pointless because the title says it all. It's also a good litmus test. If the title makes you laugh, you'll probably enjoy the movie. The film is every bit as raunchy and hilarious as you'd imagine.

Make no mistake: This is a silly R-rated comedy that certainly won't go down as one of the greatest films ever made. But the characters are well-drawn, the underlying message is sweet, and the jokes are consistently funny.

## RocknRolla cool and fun

### RocknRolla

**Director:** Guy Ritchie  
**Stars:** Gerard Butler, Tom Wilkinson  
**Classification:** 14A  
**Rating:** ★★★½

**STEVE GOW**  
for Metro Canada

**REVIEW** Man that Guy Ritchie just can't catch a break. In his hometown of London — where RocknRolla has already been released — critics have unfairly panned the British director's latest film.

It seems the central complaint with RocknRolla is that it's too similar to those ol' nuggets of cinematic yore. Like those acclaimed crime dramas, RocknRolla does explore a familiar criminal element of the London underground; namely, those involved in a complex real estate scam gone wrong.

We have the hard-edged mobster (played to perfection by Tom Wilkinson), a Russian billionaire (Karl Roden), a petty street crook (Gerard Butler) and many other seedy characters.

Sure, a lot of the appeal is all flash and visual flair, and the overload of subplots does complicate matters, but one cannot overlook how fun the dialogue and double-crosses are. So what if RocknRolla may be familiar turf; if you miss the Guy Ritchie of the '90s, you will appreciate what you're in for.

## Also in theatres

- Also opening this week is the horror film *The Haunting of Molly Hartley*. There are no pre-screenings of the movie, but read Monday's edition of Metro for a full review.

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# This Bond girl is 'different'

Olga Kurylenko's place in franchise history still to be written

## Movie feature

RICK MCGINNIS  
for Metro Canada

**Olga Kurylenko has joined a long line of iconic actresses who've assumed the mantle of Bond girl.**

The Ukrainian-born model made an impressive debut in a series of French films before being cast in *Quantum of Solace* as Camille, a Colombian out for revenge after the death of her parents. This quest ends up complimenting Daniel Craig's James Bond, who is looking to avenge the death of Vesper Lynd (Eva Green) at the end of *Casino Royale*.

What remains to be seen is whether Kurylenko will join the ranks of Bond co-stars like Diana Rigg and Halle Berry, for whom Bond meant merely another role, or disappear with Daniela Bianchi, Lois Chiles, Claudine Auger and Carey Lowell into Bond footnotes.

In either case, she'll have a unique place among the tiny minority of Bond co-stars who don't end up in bed with the British superspy.

"She's different," Kurylenko says about her Camille. "She's like a Bond in a female body. She's almost equal to him. What is nice is that in this film she has her own story — she exists without Bond."

Olga Kurylenko joins Daniel Craig in *Quantum of Solace*.

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to Bond from a very different place.

The Swiss director is better known for more intimate, even arty films such as *The Kite Runner* and *Monster's Ball*.

He echoes Kurylenko's assessment of what she brought to Bond.

"I saw tapes from all over the world, beautiful women, but either they couldn't act in English, or they weren't real enough

or didn't have any depth. "And then I met 15 women in London, and I thought three or four were interesting, and I had them read with Daniel, and I thought Olga was the most truthful and would be a good mirror image for him."

As for Craig, Forster sees him as essential, and a key reason why he took on a film project that even he thought was completely out of character for him.

"I think he just humanizes the character and grounds him. After Pierce Brosnan, it was important to go a 180 degrees opposite to try and reinvent him."

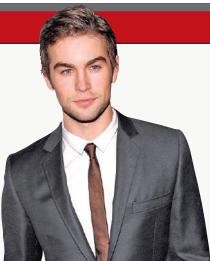
"At that point, I think the franchise was going to become a bit of a farce. It had to go totally to the opposite."

## Quote of the week

"I want to do the edgy independent movies, like (Leonardo) DiCaprio did, but you have to balance it out ... It's about carving out your leading-man role. *Fight Club*? Yes! *X-Men*? Yes! All sorts of different films. *American Beauty*? Yes! I don't know if I could pull off a Kevin Spacey, but I'll try."

GOSSIP GIRL STAR CHACE CRAWFORD — WHO APPEARS IN THIS WEEKEND'S THE HAUNTING OF MOLLY HARTLEY — ON HIS FUTURE ACTING GOALS.

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## Hathaway learned to love Kym

RICK MCGINNIS  
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**FEATURE** If you've had anything like a normal life, you've probably known someone like Kym, the character Anne Hathaway plays in Jonathan Demme's *Rachel Getting Married* — opening next week.

Emotionally draining and endlessly self-justifying, Kym is the centre of her own pre-Copernican emotional universe — she's her own worst enemy, but everyone else's as well, if only because of her inability to tell the difference between honesty and an inability to edit herself.

When Hathaway sits down for an interview after the film's premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival in September, I can't help but tell her that, as much as I respected her performance, I've known my share of Kyms, and time spent with them is like a colonoscopy.

"Thank you," Hathaway laughs. "With or without anesthetic?"

"One of the things I love about Kym is people's reaction to her. I think that's an awesome interpretation of her — Kym is the kind of person I would be friends with and I am friends with. So for me, the hard part was not being compelled to make her likeable."

"I wasn't as concerned with making her sympathetic as much as I wanted



Anne Hathaway stars in *Rachel Getting Married*.

to make sure people understood that however she is, whatever your interpretation of her is, she's being absolutely herself.

"She's just being herself, and once I figured that out — and I only figured that out about a month before filming — it was a very gushy moment that helped me realize what love is, and that it really is without limits, preconceived notions or limits, and it opened my heart. This character really changed my life and the way I view the world."

Hathaway's Kym is already attracting Oscar buzz, and one of the journalists at the TIFF table with Hathaway and Demme asks if she feels pleased that she's exceeded the expectations of people who might only know her from films like *The Princess Diaries*.

Hathaway is visibly irritated by the question, and says that, "I've never defined myself by the way other people did ... It's always been about, 'Be yourself, be yourself.' Well, the person I've always been is an actress."

"Are you saying it wasn't cool to do something completely different?" Demme loudly bursts in, mischievously goading his leading lady.

"Of course it was cool to do something completely different!" she shouts back at the director.

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## Animal crackers

Voice animating animated characters is no easy gig

STEVE GOW  
for Metro Canada



**What do Ben Stiller, Chris Rock and Cedric the Entertainer have in common? Well, if you guessed they all deliver the funniest lines in the new animated hit Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa, you'd only be partly right.**

Returning to their respective vocal roles from 2005's huge family hit, *Madagascar*, those funny men — along with no less than three other voice talents — all come from a stand-up comedy background.

"(Producers are) looking for somebody that can make whatever they write funny or funnier somehow," insists Cedric the Entertainer. "I think the idea is that (comedians) can at least bring it to life because that's the hardest part about it: (Voicing) in a room, doing it by yourself

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with nobody else to bounce it off of."

It's true. Like most animated films, *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa* — in theatres next Friday — recorded most of its performances separately. Sure, it sounds like an easy gig: You read your part, collect a cheque and go home, but as Stiller attests, it's not that simple.

"I think the key is you want it to be fun," says the actor. "If you go (into the recording studio) and you're down or if you're low energy or you're not into it that day, then it's not going to be a good session and you're probably going to have to come back."

This comedy is definitely not short on spirit. Stuck in *Madagascar*, Alex the lion (Stiller), Marty the zebra (Rock) and the rest of the Manhattan zoo-raised

crew try to return home, only to get as far as Africa, where they soon discover their roots.

As with the first film, the jokes are fast, furious and come from all angles — so all that comedic energy must've been an asset ... or was it?

"They encourage ad-libbing and there's a lot of funny stuff in the script, but at the same time (producers are) more concerned with the story," insists Rock.

"I remember the first time meeting with Jeffrey Katzenberg — head of Dreamworks Animation) and I remember him saying, 'We're working on the story, we'll get the jokes when we get them,' and I was so, like, offended," Rock relents with a laugh. "As I've gotten older and done more (movies), I'm like, 'The story is the hardest part; we will get the jokes when we get them.'"

## Wain making Hollywood debut with Role Models

PHIL BROWN  
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that I would be like Barton Fink. But in many ways I was surprised by how similar it was to independent filmmaking. My daily work schedule was the same. I was still focused on finding the best way to tell the story onscreen. Even more so than in independent film, where I had to wear so many different hats because there were fewer people working on it. In that way it freed me to focus more on directing."

Though he's now officially part of the Hollywood machine, Wain plans to continue working in independent film. One of the next projects he has in mind is a prequel to his beloved cult comedy *Wet Hot American Summer*.

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**FEATURE** Writer/director David Wain has been an alternative comedy fixture for over a decade. After acting and writing on the '90s MTV series *The State*, he went on to direct such projects as *Wet Hot American Summer* and *The Ten*.

His latest directorial effort is *Role Models* — opening next week — which stars Paul Rudd and Seann William Scott as a pair of underachievers who are forced to join a variation of the Big Brothers.

It's the first time that Wain has ever directed for Hollywood, something that he admits made him nervous. "I was really apprehensive, to be honest with you," Wain told Metro. "I had this vision

who he's collaborated with for years, some as far back as university.

"They're the guys who I banded together with when I was 18 years old, and they also luckily happen to be the funniest people I know."

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## Movie morsels

The singing students of Albuquerque's Eastside High are back in *High School Musical 3*.**Beverly Hills Chihuahua**

★★

**REVIEW** These days, it seems Hollywood producers are all wondering the same thing: If my dog could speak, what would it say? Well, *Beverly Hills Chihuahua* is the latest talking animal flick to heed that query and — according to one cheeky chihuahua at least — the answer is, "Oh no she didn't!" Featuring the voices of Drew Barrymore, Andy Garcia and other celebrities, *Chihuahua* is a harmless "tail" (Hal) about a snooty, rich lapdog that gets lost in Mexico and must journey back to Rodeo Drive. Along the way, she encounters a mélange of muttering mutts and an annoying animated rat-iguana duo that, in the end, teach us life lessons.

Steve Gow/For Metro Canada

occasionally — but there is great energy in this film.  
Steve Veale/For Metro Canada

**Max Payne**

★★★½

**REVIEW** Max Payne is another hit video game-turned-Hollywood blockbuster. As the title character, Mark Wahlberg is an angry, maverick cop who is determined to find the savages who killed his wife and child. Shirked his civic duty, Payne conspires with a sexy assassin — Mila Kunis of *That '70s Show* — and discovers a dark underworld that may be connected to otherworldly demons. This thriller follows suit in the respect that it certainly seems overly focused on Payne and his quest. By doing so, other aspects (the central plot twist for instance) are too obvious and unembellished. That said, Payne knows its limitations and makes no apologies; it has absolutely stunning choreography and brooding Wahlberg was made for this kind of role. Further, and maybe most importantly, this movie is big, brash and perhaps better than any other video-game adaptation out there.

Norton stars as Ray Tierney, a traumatised detective who returns to the force at the urging of his police chief father (Jon Voight) to investigate the mysterious murder of four of NYPD's finest. Exploring themes of loyalty and integrity, Ray is torn between his close-knit family and the NYPD, forced to confront his own pained morality. With powerful performances, a dark and melancholic tone, and a climactic fight scene that delivers the punches with, well, a punch, *Pride and Glory* may be all too familiar but it's a respectfully intense ride nonetheless.

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**W.**

★★★★

**REVIEW** Perhaps the most surprising aspect of Oliver Stone's impressive film is just how rounded of a portrayal he's made of George W. Bush. Make no mistake, Stone does not present Bush as a strong leader by any stretch of the imagination, but he does at least explain how he managed to make his many mistakes in a manner that seems plausible. Josh Brolin perfectly captures all of Bush's mannerisms without ever slipping into the realm of a Saturday Night Live impersonation. It's a truly exceptional piece of acting that solidifies Brolin's sudden rise to prominence in Hollywood. Similar glowing comments can be made about the entire cast including Richard Dreyfus' subtly malicious Dick Cheney and Thandie Newton's chameleon-like transformation into Condoleezza Rice.

Phil Brown/For Metro Canada

**High School Musical 3: Senior Year**

★★★½

**REVIEW** It's very likely that only a handful of adults — those with children too young to drive at home — have seen the previous two *High School Musical* incarnations that follow the dancing and singing students of Albuquerque's Eastside High. This is the first in the series to be made for the big screen — the other entries were made for TV — and it is a much better visual experience for young viewers, with more singing and dancing than the previous two. Adults can actually attend the movie without too much fear. Sure, the storyline is very basic, and squeaky Mickey Mouse-clean — you may doze off

**Pride and Glory**

★★

**REVIEW** Filmmaker Gavin O'Connor (*Miracle*) better hope that fans of this summer's blockbuster *The Incredibles* Hulk follow its lead actor Edward Norton over to his new film, *Pride and Glory*. Unfortunately, I seriously doubt most fans care much for a melodrama about a family of cops. Besides, there have been more flicks made about corrupt New York City cops than Dunkin' has donuts. In this one,



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## Music

# Heartbreak and Intimacy

New disc lets Bloc Party frontman Kele Okereke dish on latest split

**IAN NATHANSON**  
for Metro Canada

**Whatever reputed breakdown occurred between Kele Okereke and his former significant other in late 2007, the singer-guitarist frontman for Bloc Party needed an outlet to vent his feelings on the matter.**

"Translucent and sun-bleached skin, when did you get so L.A./How can you desert me after all we've been through/Stuck on a dream that somewhere it's better/You'll be the one missing out," Okereke sings on the electronica-meets-new wave One Month Off from the British outfit's third full-length, *Intimacy*.

"A lot of stuff went on in the past year with my personal life that really had a huge effect on me," Okereke tells Metro, though tight-lipped on the details. "I didn't want to try and think too much about what I was saying — I wanted to write from an emotional perspective ... just get it out there and move on to the next thing."

"But in writing songs for this record, I want people to see this not only about a relationship breakup but also a celebration of a love — about falling in love and being in love. It doesn't always have to be negative."



Bloc Party frontman Kele Okereke, foreground, says recording his band's new album, *Intimacy*, allowed him to vent about a recent breakup. The album was released earlier this week.

Besides, there has been enough negative-leaning talk about Okereke — from British media speculation about his sexuality to a reported backstage dust-up between the 27-year-old and the Sex Pistols' Johnny Rotten during a summer music festival in

Spain — that it almost overshadows Bloc Party's more significant changes of late.

First, Okereke, guitarist Russell Lissack, bassist Gordon Moakes and drummer Matt Tong have ditched the traditional indie-rock stylings of their 2005 suc-

cess story, *Silent Alarm*, and 2007 follow-up, *A Weekend In The City*. For *Intimacy*, Bloc Party veers into electronica-based territory and experimentation with Okereke's vocals — though maintaining Tong's fierce backbeats.

"In the 21st century,

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Kele Okereke

rock music should be taking more from electronica," Okereke says. "I know many bands will tell you the best records have been made between the 1950s and the 1970s, but with all the new technology available, why not have rock music embrace something a bit newer?"

Second, the band has opted to follow what's becoming a recent trend in the industry by releasing the new album digitally in August, two months ahead of this past Tuesday's physical CD release.

"I remember being a 16-year-old and how it was such a big deal when I bought a record by a band I liked and everyone else bought the same record and we were all talking about that record at the same time," Okereke says. "Now that we've built up an international fan base, why not just deliver a record to our fans at the same time, rather than have somebody leak out the record online long before it comes out?"

## MTV strikes Beatles video game deal

**GAMING** MTV Networks announced yesterday a deal to use songs by the Beatles in a custom video game similar to its popular Rock Band game, marking the groundbreaking band's first major plunge into digital music.

There is no set release date or sale price for the game, but it is due to be ready for a release in about a year, said MTV Networks and the Beatles' Apple, which handles the affairs of the group that broke up in 1970 after revolutionizing rock 'n' roll in the 1960s.

The companies released few details about the game, which will be a custom video and not a Rock Band brand game. REUTERS

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- **Pink, *Funhouse*:** The recently divorced pop star warns, "I'm going to get in trouble, I want to start a fight," on debut single *So What*. Thank goodness Pink makes poking fun at our celebrity-obsessed culture sound like such a riot.



- **The Clash, *Live at Shea Stadium*:** On this 1982 recording, the best punk band of all time may have been merely opening for the Who, but they still whipped the crowd into a frenzy with a barrage of classics like *London Calling* and *Rock the Casbah*, among others.



- **Lordi, *Deadache*:** This costume-clad heavy metal outfit from Finland takes glam rock to the next ghoulish level. Full of monster riffs of tortured '80s metal and songs like *Man Skin Boots* and *Raise Hell In Heaven*, *Deadache* might be the ideal soundtrack to your Halloween party.



Jarrett Churchill

## Rotten butter, Manson the creep and other tidbits

### SoundCheck

**Alan Cross**

It's been a busy couple of weeks with a lot of stuff dropping into my inbox, into my mailbox or mysteriously across my desks (I have several offices and thus several desks). Like the annual raking of the leaves, I thought it was time for some cleaning up.

• **The Last Pogo DVD:** Finally, someone has issued a proper visual document of one of the most infamous events in Canadian rock history: The "riot" at the Horseshoe Tavern on Dec. 1, 1978. Every music fan

should have a copy ([the lastpogo.net](http://thelastpogo.net)).

• **They Want Us to Buy Vinyl Again?** Listening to actual vinyl records is on the rise again, which has precipitated a series of vinyl re-releases by everyone from Led Zeppelin to the Sex Pistols. Let's see: They got us buying vinyl, then converted us to tapes, told us to upgrade to CDs, wanted us to move to digital downloads ... and now we're back to vinyl? Talk about the circle of life.

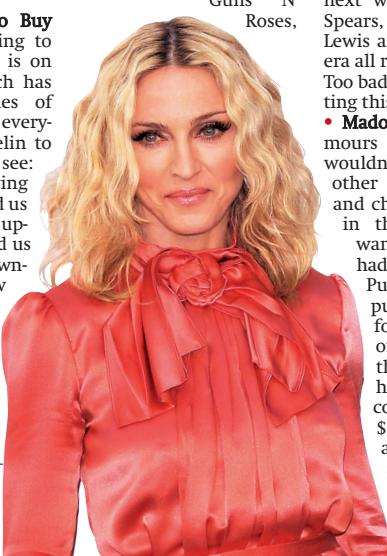
• **Battle of the Divas:** While all the attention has gone to the cage match between new al-

bums from AC/DC and Guns N' Roses,

there's a catfight set for next week when Britney Spears, Beyoncé, Leona Lewis and Christina Aguilera all release new albums. Too bad Mariah Carey is sitting this one out.

• **Madonna's Divorce:** Rumours were that Madge wouldn't allow anything other than steamed fish and chicken to be served in the house. If Guy wanted a burger, he had to go down to the Punchbowl, his local pub. Don't feel bad for him, though. Part of the hushed-up settlement involves him getting Ashcombe House, their \$20-million, 1,200-acre estate in Wiltshire, England. He might even get \$20 million more just so he keeps his mouth shut.

Madonna apparently made her ex Guy Ritchie leave home to dine on burgers.



### TOP 10 MOBILE DOWNLOADS

1. Whatever You Like T.I.
2. So What Linkin Park
3. Just Dance Lady GaGa
4. My Life The Game
5. I Kissed A Girl Kelly Clarkson
6. Hot N Cold Katy Perry
7. Disturbia Rihanna
8. In The Ayer Red Hot Chili Peppers
9. When I Grow Up Pussycat Dolls
10. Lollipop Lil Wayne

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**Spears set to host SNL**  
Pop star Britney Spears is reportedly set to host Saturday Night Live on Nov. 22, gossip website Celebuzz.com has claimed. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

## Television

## In brief

**TELEVISION** Sci Fi Channel has ordered a reality competition that pits 12 contestants against one another in a series of video game challenges to find the best all-around gamer in the United States.

The show, which has the working title of GameQuest, is set to premiere in the first quarter.

It will feature top game titles from various studios, and includes physical challenges that bring video games to life, as well as elimination challenges in an arena before hundreds of spectators. Contestants will compete for a prize package that includes \$100,000 and trips to future World Cyber Games events.

Sci Fi said the show will be the perfect arena to capitalize on a common household activity in order to broaden the channel's brand.

**TELEVISION** E! Entertainment Television has picked up its half-hour reality series Denise Richards: It's Complicated for a second season. Production will begin early next year on the series, which averaged 1.1 million viewers per episode in its first season.

REUTERS

# There's Life on Mars in reworked show

## IntelleVision

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**BACK TO LIFE** After following its demolition derby production history over the course of the summer, and imagining its primetime premiere as an event somewhere between the opening weekend of *Gigli* and the second season of *Joey*, I was pleasantly surprised by ABC's reworking of the BBC's time-traveling cop series *Life On Mars*.

This is probably why you haven't heard much from me on the subject — it's so much harder, and much less fun, to say something nice when there are so many nasty subjects abounding on the crowded plateau of TV news. Still, it's turned into a decent bit of TV that might actually



Actor Harvey Keitel

get a chance to attract an audience in this season's leper's parade of shows.

Besides Harvey Keitel, who manages to be both ubiquitous and watchable — try saying the same thing about Jimmy Smits, say, or Jude Law a few years ago — one of the show's real pleasures is Michael Imperioli's take on the role of Ray Carling. As played by Dean An-

drews on the British show, Carling was a relentless thug, too dim to ever take the place of his hero, DCI Gene Hunt, but with an endearing, sometimes dog-like side that redeemed him. Imperioli's Carling is much smarter, a wisecrack machine loaded to the handlebar moustache with musky '70s masculinity. "When this came along I

"It's turned into a decent bit of TV that might actually get a chance to attract an audience in this season's leper's parade of shows."

I really liked the character, I really liked the story, I liked the ideas they had for casting, and I liked being able to stay home with my family," Imperioli told the New York Times in a profile of the actor this week, one that also speculated on the show's rocky production history, which saw an almost total recasting of the show after a pilot was filmed, and a move from Los Angeles to New York City for both the setting and production.

"It is rare that a show gets piloted twice," said Gary Newman, co-chairman of 20th Century Fox Television, one of the show's producers. "I think a big part of it was, you look at the version shot in Los Angeles, and it just didn't feel like 1973; it wasn't

authentic. The wardrobe, the hair, the music, the buildings — it honestly is a kind of an amazing reproduction of the era."

Run through my handy television execution decoding ring, that means that the people behind the L.A. version had better have friends at the other networks, and that the New York crew had better have a few too if the show doesn't end up getting renewed. I'm quite happy to tuck into my meal of crow at this point, if only in the hope that the success of the ABC version will finally get a DVD box set of the BBC original on the store shelves here.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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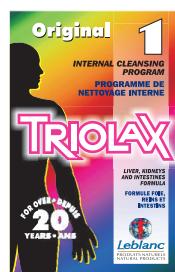
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**Ivanka Trump may convert**

Ivanka Trump's relationship with boyfriend Jared Kushner has taken a serious turn after the reality TV star reportedly made plans to convert to Judaism. She has declined to comment on the reports. [IMDB.COM](#)



# American election blankets networks

**Rick's TVPicks****Election Night****Air date:** Tuesday**Network:** All U.S. networks**Mythbusters****Air date:** Sunday**Network:** Discovery

**EVERYBODY HAS** Bond fever this fall, including the guys on Mythbusters, who'll be testing the probability of 007 gadgets and stunts, including the bullet-deflecting watch, the propane-tank fireball and the legendary speedboat jump in Live and Let Die. Let me guess — cool, but not a chance in hell.

**FRANKLY,** I'm sick to death of the almost endless election cycle south of the border, but since this race has been more vicious than most, there'll probably be some actual tension in the air as the results start rolling in.

— RICK MCGINNIS/METRO CANADA

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# Rock won't hold back

STEVE GOW  
for Metro Canada



**One of the more exciting aspects of HBO Canada finally starting up in the Great White North — it launched yesterday — is that, along with cutting-edge dramas, it will also be bringing the funny.**

One man who knows this better than most is actor and comedian Chris Rock. "HBO is stand-up comedy," Rock says with a laugh. "It's the only place you really get to do it."

Rock should know. About to stun Canuck audiences with a hard-hitting fifth HBO stand-up comedy special entitled Kill the Messenger — it premieres tomorrow night — Rock will again push boundaries on a measure of topics, including the U.S. election, parenthood and race, with his patented unhinged but honest manner.

"It's not just language, it's topic, too," Rock explains. "Sometimes people say, 'Why don't you do a stand-up movie?' Because if I do a joke about abortion, it's go-

ing to make it an X (rating)."

Rock further points out most people don't realize the numerically based language constraints that dictate making a film. For example, if you script a particular word that starts with a P and defines a certain part of the female anatomy "more than two times, you're an X (rating)," says Rock.

"There are all these weird little rules that just (define a movie). HBO — they just let you do whatever you want to do."

## Cox moves to Cougar Town

**NEW GIG** Courteney Cox, welcome to Cougar Town.

ABC has ordered a comedy pilot in which the former Friends star will play a newly single 40-year-old mom with a 17-year-old son. It comes from Scrubs creator Bill Lawrence.

"Forty-year-old women on TV are so beautiful and perfect and wrinkle-free," said Lawrence. "People don't do the reality of it, and there is a real comedy area about a woman who is talking about Botox, about having sex with the lights on and how her body is changing." **REUTERS**

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	31	31	ABC	News (N)	ABC Wld News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Wife Swap (N)	Supernanny (N)	20/20	Stargate SG-1	
	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea	Robson Arms	TMZ (N)	Wife Swap (N)	Don't Forget the Lyrics!				
	11	11	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Air Force-Final	Rick Mercer	Doctor Who (N)	CBC News: The National	The Hour		
	32	32	CBS	News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer (N)	NCIS: Recoil (HDTV)	NUMB3RS (N)		
	6	6	CHF	Entertainment	ET Canada	Life		NUMB3RS "Scan Man"	To Be Announced	News (N)		
	9	9	CJCH	etalk	Hollywood	Without a Trace		Ghost Whisperer (N)	Supernanny (N)	News (N)		
	36	36	FOX	Deal-No Deal	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	Don't Forget the Lyrics!	Fox First		
	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood (Extra)	Corner Gas	Deal or No Deal (TV) (N)	Crusoe "The Mutineers"	Lipstick Jungle		
	55	55	SCOR	Hockey Talk	Game On	NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Toronto Raptors, (Live)				Score Tonight	WWE Smack.	
	53	53	TSN	NASCAR Race	SportsCentre	That's Hockey!	2008 World Series of Poker	CFL Pregame	CFL Football: Alouettes at Eskimos			
	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami "Invasion"			CSI: Miami "Rap Sheet"	CSI: Miami		
	70	70	APTN	News	Mixed Blessing	First Nation	Rabbit Fall	The Rez	The Seventh Sign *** (1988, Horror)			
	37	37	BRVO	Street Legal	Desperate Housewives	Bravo! Fact	Beyond-Screen	Luna Papa ** (1999, Comedy-Drama)				
	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Force	Good Morning	Corner Gas	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	South Park	Friday Night
	18	18	CNN	The Situation Room	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Daily Planet (N)	Corner Gas	Campbell Brown: No Bias	Larry King Live	Cooper 360		
	38	38	DISC	Cash Cab	How It's Made	Greensburg (N)		Man vs. Wild (N)	What's That?			
	34	48	HGTV	Holmes on Homes	House Hunters	Property Virgin	House Hunters	Extreme Home	Build a New Life	Relocation		
	46	46	HIST	Blow Down	NCIS "See No Evil"	Shockwave		Blow Down	Ax Men			
	17	17	MM	Punk'd	On Set: Girl	So You Think You Can Dance Canada	The top 16.	Dance	I Know What You Did Last			
	206	206	PIX	(6:40) Sleepy Hollow (1999, Horror)				Halloween H20: 20 Years Later (1998)	Scream *** (1996, Horror)			
	39	39	SHOW	Local/Educat.	Little Britain	The Best Years (DVS)	The Guard "Free"	Cook'd Gums	Kenny-Senny	Webdreams		
	40	40	SLICE	Matchmaker	Til Debt-Part	End of Leash	ET Canada	Wedding SOS	Crash Test Mommy (N)	End of Leash		
	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	Real Simple, Real Life (N)	Real Simple, Real Life (N)	What Not to Wear (N)	Say Yes-ress		
	22	22	W	House	Style by Jury	Will & Grace	Friends	Most Haunted	Most Haunted	Most Haunted		
	27	27	YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Addams Family Values ** (1993, Comedy), Raul Julia		Smallville "Lara"	Dark Oracle			

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	7	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea	Home Team ** (1999, Comedy-Drama), Derek Lebret		Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	Pretty Boys		
	11	11	11	CBC	Sat. Report	Hockey Night	NHL Hockey	New York Rangers at Toronto Maple Leafs, (HDTV) (Live)				
	32	32	32	CBS	College Football	Entertainment Tonight		CSI: Miami "Sunblock"	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	NHL Hockey		
	6	6	6	CHF	Disasters of the Century	Turning Points of History		Painkiller Jane	Kenny-Senny	Kenny-Senny	48 Hr. Mystery	
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	36	36	36	FOX	Friends	Seinfeld	Cop's (N)	Cops (N)	America's Most Wanted	Fox First		
	12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	Access Hollywood (N)	Knight Rider (HDTV)	Knight Rider (HDTV)	Knight Rider (HDTV)	Law/Ord SVU		
	55	55	55	SCOR	Score Update	Footy Show	WWE SmackDown!		Score on NFL	Footy Show	X-Fighters	
	53	53	TSN	(6)	CFL Football	BC Lions at Calgary Stampeders.						
	16	16	16	A&E	Haunted Houses			The Shining *** (1980, Horror) (HDTV), Jack Nicholson, Shelley Duvall.				
	70	70	70	APTN	Tribal Treks	Music Speaks	MTV	Rez Bluez Bluez Houndz.	The Devil's Advocate ** (1997, Suspense)			
	37	37	37	BRVO	Arts & Minds	Bravo!Videos	Live at the Rehearsal Hall	Cowboy Junkies: Trinity	Neil Young: Heart of Gold (2006, Documentary)			
	49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comics!	Just for Laughs	Corner Gas	Blue Collar TV	The Simpsons	South Park	Nathan Fielder
	18	18	18	CNN	This Week in Politics	Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Monster Moves	Canada's Worst Driver			
	38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	Mighty Ships		Special Investigations	Larry King Live	D.L. Hughley		
	34	48	48	HGTV	Holmes on Homes	Colin & Justin's Home Heist	Sarah's House	Mansions	Million Dollar Listing	Criss Angel		
	46	46	46	HIST	The Real Captain Bligh	NCIS "Witness"	Ancestors	Ancestors	Sahara ** (2005, Adventure)			
	17	17	17	MM	Dance	I Know What You Did Last Summer * (1997, Horror)		Greek	Dance			
	206	206	206	PIX	(7:15) White Lightning ** (2013, Action), Ned Beatty			Bird Girls Are Forever	Dr. No *** (1962, Action)			
	39	39	39	SHOW	Wife Swap	About a Girl	Kink in Hair	Anna's Storm (2007, Action), Shere Wilson.	Starsky-Hutch			
	40	40	40	SLICE	In Laws	Til Debt-Part	Newlywed	Beautiful	Party Mamas	Housewives		
	21	21	21	TLC	Jon & Kate Plus 8	Little People	Little People	17 Kids-Count	Property Ladder (HDTV)	Trading		
	22	22	22	W	What Women	Must Love Dogs ** (2005, Romance-Comedy), Diane Lane, John Cusack.			The Break-Up ** (2006, Romance-Comedy)			
	27	27	27	YTV	Adrenaline	Mystery Hnt.	Transformers	Naruto	Blue Dragon	Zach Bell	Bleach	Storm Hawks

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	7	7	7	ASN	Young Blades	Funnest Home Videos	Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)					
	11	11	11	CBC	Heartland (HDTV) (N)	Figure Skating: Skate Canada International						
	32	32	32	CBS	Evening News	News (N)	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)	The Amazing Race 13				
	6	6	6	CHF	renewed/reopened	King of the Hill (8:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy (N)	American Dad	News (N)	
	9	9	9	CJCH	Star Wars Clo.	Degressi: Next	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	The Amazing Race 13	Desperate Housewives	Family Guy (N)	News (N)	
	36	36	36	FOX	NFL Football: Cowboys at Giants	The OT		The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy (N)	American Dad	Fox First
	12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	On Sidelines	Football Night in America	(9:15) NFL Football New England Patriots at Indianapolis Colts.				
	55	55	55	SCOR	(6)	NFL Blitz	The WWE Experience	BodogFight				
	53	53	TSN	(6)	NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup - Dickies 500.	Football Night (9:15)	Football Night	Football Night (9:15) NFL Football New England Patriots at Indianapolis Colts.	Strikeforce			
	16	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files	The Cleaner "Rag Dolls"		CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	
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	206	206	206	PIX	Bad Boys *** (1995, Action)	Martin Lawrence.			Happy Anniversary 007			
	39	39	39	SHOW	TBA	Kink in Hair	The Guard "Live Free"					
	40	40	40	SLICE	Inside Hollywood	Vanity Insanity	Wedding SOS	Bulging Brides	Abducted (2007, Drama), Sarah Wynter, Andrew Walker.	Weeds		
	21	21	21	TLC	Untitled Stories of the E.R.	Paralyzed and Pregnant	I Didn't Know I Was Pregnant	Purity Balls (HDTV) (N)	Biggest Loser			
	22	22	22	W	The Break-Up	Hwd 10 Best	Grocery	Style by Jury	The Good Witch (2008, Drama), Catherine Bell, Chris Potter.	Painted Babies		
	27	27	27	YTV	Fat Albert ** (2004, Comedy)	Kenan Thompson.	SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	The Next Star '12 to 6'	Satan's School		

## Going Out

# Cummings rekindles his roots

Canadian star sells out 2 shows at Casino Nova Scotia

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Burton Cummings didn't want "corny." He was trying to avoid "syrupy," too.

"I'm too old to put out something that will embarrass me in five or six years," the 60-year-old Cummings said about his first studio album in 18 years, titled *Above the Ground*. "I concentrated a lot on the lyrics. I wanted them to be observational and a bit existential. I think it's a good collection of songs."

The Canadian music legend and former lead singer with the Guess Who can hold his head high as his new CD, which hits stores this Tuesday, is a strong collection of songs that con-

**"You'd never find a better guy to have 12 or 15 beers with. It was just magical times."**

Burton Cummings on Kurt Winter

tain powerful lyrics and a sound he's grown famous for in 40 years of rock 'n' roll. Cummings had been looking at making an eighth solo studio album for several years, but with the recent success he and former Guess Who guitarist Randy Bachman were finding on tour together, the project was put on hold.

That was until Bachman had recent shoulder surgery, which put him on the shelf for several months. This gave Cummings the time he needed to work on the new album, which for the first time in his career is

written entirely by him.

"Had Randy not had this operation, I don't know if this album would exist yet, because we were very, very busy as Bachman-Cummings," he said. "We were actually thinking of doing an album of original stuff, or at least another Jukebox."

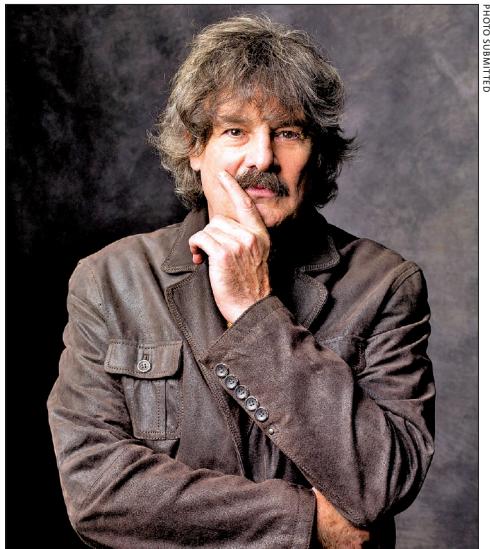
Tracks like *Crazy If You Mess With the Gods* and *We Just Came From the U.S.A.* are tracks to rock out to on the album. There is also *Kurt's Song*, a tribute to the late Kurt Winter, a band mate and friend who passed away in 1997.

"I miss him dearly still now," Cummings said of Winter. "You'd never find a better guy to have 12 or 15 beers with. It was just magical times."

Cummings will play songs from *Above the Ground* tonight and tomorrow in back-to-back sold-out shows at Casino Nova Scotia's Schooner Room at 8 p.m.

Cummings is touring with the same band on the record and the show will include hits from both the Guess Who era and his solo albums.

"I know why people are coming," he said. "I would never go on stage for 90 minutes and shove new stuff down people's throats because they would go home unhappy."



Cummings will play back-to-back sold-out shows at Casino Nova Scotia's Schooner Room this weekend.

## Entertainment in brief

**PRIZE** The \$25,000 Portia White Prize will be handed out during the third annual Creative Nova Scotia awards gala on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Heritage Hall at Pier 21. The three nominees are singer Mary Jane Lamond of Glencoe, Inverness Co., sculptor and blacksmith John Little of East Dover, and ceramics artist Walter Ostrom of Lunenburg. The gala awards show takes place following the all-day Creative Nova Scotia

conference, which begins Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Delta Halifax.

**MUSIC** Nova Scotia's provincial men's choir, Nova Voce, will present a concert titled *A Perfect Fifth* on Sunday at Bethany United Church in Halifax at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students. They can be bought from the Westphal Family Music Store, choir members,

the Madrigal and at the door. **JAZZ** Halifax's Laura Healy has been named the new artistic director for the JazzEast Rising Association, which produces the annual TD Canada Trust Atlantic Jazz Festival. Healey has worked the past three years with JazzEast as an education and outreach co-ordinator, and was principle organizer of the association's Creative Music Workshop.

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### Sustainability Education in Nova Scotia for Everyone Public Meeting

Monday, November 3, 2008 from 8:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

Nova Scotia Teachers' Union, 3106 Joseph Howe Drive, Halifax  
Key Note Speaker: L. Ron Farrell, Dean, School of Trades & Technology, Nova Scotia Community College. Special Film Screening. Presentations by NS Teachers' Union President Alexis Allen and the NS Department of Education. Lunch provided. Please RSVP.

### The Story of Stuff: Toward Sustainable Consumption and Production Film & Discussion

Wednesday, November 5 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Bedford Public Library, 15 Dartmouth Road, Bedford

Thursday, November 27 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Halifax North Memorial Public Library, 2285 Gottingen Street, Halifax

### Hard Rain: Film and Panel on Uranium Mining

Thursday, November 6 at 7:00 p.m.  
Room 105, Dalhousie Law School, 6061 University Ave. Halifax

### Jim Harding, Author, Canada's Deadly Secret: Saskatchewan Uranium & the Global Nuclear System

Thursday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m.  
Halifax North Memorial Public Library, 2285 Gottingen Street, Halifax

### "An Inconvenient Truth" Film and Talk on Climate Change

Tuesday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m.  
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# Stars are coming out for all age groups

**PHILIP CROUCHER**  
philip.croucher@metronews.ca

They're a band that thinks about fans of all ages.

Montreal's indie pop group Stars is playing two shows in Halifax this weekend. The first is a sold-out performance at the Marquee Club on Saturday night, with an all-ages show following on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's United Church.

"We have a lot of fans in the (18-and-under) age group and it's really unfair to them that they can't come see the (bar) show, as they've supported the band and they love the record," said Stars singer Amy Millan. "So we find it's important that we play some all-ages shows so the kids can come. It's not the drinking, crowd loud."

The five-member band is in Halifax just four months after headlining Summersonic on Citadel Hill's Garrison Grounds in July. The band is still touring in support of their 2007 album *In Our Bedroom After the War*, which is receiving international recognition — the record is up for the 2008 Polaris Music Prize,



Stars will play two shows in Halifax this weekend.

an annual award honouring creativity and diversity in Canadian recorded music as voted by music critics.

On this current tour, Stars is playing in venues across Atlantic Canada with Hey Rosetta! as the opening act. They'll then play other Canadian dates before starting next year with sold-out shows in both Australia and Japan.

"For us, the listener is the star and we're just trying to create a soundtrack to your life — the movie that is your life," Millan said when talking about the band's popularity worldwide. "I think when people are singing along to our songs, it's really relating to something in their past."

## If you go

- Some tickets remain for Sunday's all-ages performance by Stars at St. Matthew's United Church, but they're limited. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 on the day of the show if seats are still available. Tickets can be purchased at all Ticketpro outlets by phone at 1-888-311-9090 or at [sonicconcerts.com](http://sonicconcerts.com).

**Fife and Drum**

Nightly entertainment on Friday and Saturday,  
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**clubs**

**ARGYLE BAR AND GRILL:** Jazz night on Wednesday. 1575 Argyle St.

**BAY LANDING:** Bruce Richard and George Antoniak on Saturday at 7 p.m., 354 Prospect Bay Rd.

**BEARLY'S:** Halloween party with the Mellotones on Friday, Sunrise on Saturday matinee, Big Dirty Orchestra on Saturday, Dobson and Doyle on Sunday matinee, Brad Conrad on Sunday, 1269 Barrington St.

**BIG LEAGUES:** Asia and Nu Gruve on Friday. 4 Forest Hills.

**BOOMERS LOUNGE:** Ten Mile House on Sunday. 1725 Grafton St.

**BUBBLES MANSION:** DJ Savory on Friday. DJ No Luv on Saturday. 5287 Prince St.

**CELTIC CORNER:** John Ferguson and Roger Stone on Friday and Saturday. Glenn Graham on Sunday, 69 Alderney Dr.

**CHEERS:** Sam Moon and Rick Gautreau matinee on Friday. Shaydid on Friday and Saturday, DJ Stickboy on Sunday. 1743 Grafton St.

**COACH'S PUB:** DJ Scott on Saturday. 552 Sackville Dr.

**DAVE DOLITTLES:** Karaoke on Friday and Saturday. 90 Tacoma Dr.

**THE DOME:** DJ Mike Clarke on Friday. DJ Dave "The Legend" MacIsaac and DJ Mike Clarke on Saturday. DJ Stickboy on Sunday. 1663 Argyle St.

**DUTCHIE'S PUB:** Jeff Bonang and friends on Sunday, 4 p.m. 3671 Dutch Village Rd.

**ECONOMY SHOE SHOP:**



Trans Am is playing at The Marquee Club tonight along with The Jimmy Swift Band and Theft Bust as part of a Halloween Bash show.

Shirley Jackson on Monday, 1661 Argyle St.

**FINBAR'S:** Dave MacIsaac and Louis Benoit on Friday and Saturday. Sunnyside Mall.

**GINGER'S TAVERN:** Bend The River, Ruth Minnikin and John McKiel on Friday, Blown Gasket Orchestra on Saturday, 1662 Barrington St.

**GUS' PUB:** I See Dead People Party and Fantods CD

release on Friday, Lazy James Cody and Friends Blues matinee on Saturday, Matra on Saturday, 2605 Agricola St.

**THE HARBOURFRONT:** Kate Quinn And The Sidelines on Friday and Saturday, Casino Nova Scotia.

**THE JOLLY MUG:** Sidekixx on Sunday, 15 Lakeland Rd.

**LION'S HEAD TAVERN:** Laurie the Guy on Friday and Saturday. 5833 Sullivan St.

**LOWER DECK:** Corey Tettford, Paul Lamb matinee on Friday, Paul Lamb matinee on Saturday, Shameless on Friday and Saturday, Signal Hill on Sunday, Historic Properties.

**MARQUEE CLUB:** Trans Am with The Jimmy Swift Band and Grand Theft Bus on Friday. Tickets \$20 in advance and \$25 at door. Stars with Hey Rosetta on Saturday. Show is sold-out.

2037 Gottingen St.

**MENZ BAR:** DJ Needles and DJ Bear on Friday and Saturday, 2182 Gottingen St. 2182 Gottingen St.

**THE MUSIC ROOM:** John M. Gray CD release show with Jamie Gatti, Tom Roach and Ian McKinnon on Saturday at 8 p.m., 6181 Lady Hammond Rd.

**MY SON'S PLACE:** Open mic with Low Rider Band on Sunday, 223 Wyse Rd.

**NENAGH BAR AND GRILL:** Bruce MacKinnon on Saturday, 30 Farnham Gate.

**NICHE:** Mike Cowie's Waterbabies Jazz Quartet on Friday and Saturday. 1505 Barrington St.

**O'CARROLL'S:** The Crew on Friday and Saturday. David Stone on Sunday. 1860 Upper Water St.

**OLD TRIANGLE:** Gig Dogs on Friday and Saturday. Seph Peters matinee on Saturday. Kevin Roach matinee on Sunday, 5136 Prince St.

**OUR FRIEND'S PUB:** Kitchen parties on Monday. John Snyder on Thursday. 19 Norm Newman Dr.

**THE PALACE NIGHTCLUB:** Halloween Mardi Gras with DJ Trixx on Friday, DJ Fierce on Saturday, DJ Fierce on Sunday, 1721 Brunswick St.

**THE PAVILION:** Destroy Hope, Head Down, Save September on Saturday at 6:30 p.m., 5816 Cogswell St.

**PARKSIDE PUB:** Parkside DJ on Friday, Da Rock on Saturday, Leroy Bennett on Sunday matinee. 14 Highfield Park Dr.

**PEDDLER'S PUB:** DJ Mathematix on Friday and Saturday, Granville Mall.

**POGUE FADO:** Dressed To Kill on Friday, The Saunders Brothers on Saturday, Keith Andrews Republic on Thursday, 1581 Barrington St.

**PORTER'S LAKE PUB:** Halloween Party with B&D Productions on Friday, Karaoke on Saturday. 5528 Highway 7.

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**REFLECTIONS:** Halloween Squared on Friday and Saturday, 5184 Sackville St.

**RIVERSIDE PUB:** Sam Moon and Rick Gautreau on Saturday, 1552 Bedford Highway.

**RODEO LOUNGE:** Mustangs on Friday and Saturday, 121 Ilsley Ave.

**THE SEAHORSE:** Blood Bath, Tribute to the Melvins, The Misfits, The Dead Milkmen and The Gruesome Burlesque on Friday, 12th annual Witchies' Costume Ball with Windom Earle, Faded Blue, Phollop Willing PA and Zumbini Circus on Saturday, 1659 Argyle St.

**SNAUBAR:** Live entertainment on Friday and Saturday, 1535 Dresden Row.

**THE SPLIT CROW:** Merimac on Friday and Saturday, House Party Guys on Sunday, 1855 Granville St.

**STAYNER'S WHARF:** Nadira on Friday, Los Flamencos on Saturday, Jeff Goodspeed and Friends matinee on Sunday, Scott 'N' The Rocks on Monday, 5075 George St.

**TRIBECA:** Famous Players on Friday, DJ Double A on Saturday, Old Wagon



Neptune's Frost/Nixon continues with performances all weekend long. Tickets range in price from \$27 to \$45.

Whiskey on Sunday, 1588 Granville St.

**WHISKEY LOUNGE:** Open mid with Louisa and friends on Saturday, 27-29 Portland St.

**WINSTON'S:** Under The Sun on Friday and Saturday, 278 Lacewood Dr.

## galleries

**ART 1274 HOLLIS:** Works by local artist, 1274 Hollis St.

**ART GALLERY OF NOVA SCOTIA:** Contemporaries, Tom Forrestall paintings, Nova Scotia folk art exhibition,

female photography exhibition, Roots of Democracy, Various dates, 1723 Hollis St.

**ART-PORT GALLERY:** Works by 12 local artists, Robert Stanfield International Airport.

**CRAIG GALLERY:** Carol Morri-

son through Nov. 23, Alderney Landing.

**DALHOUSIE ART GALLERY:** Carole Conde and Karl Beveridge: Working Culture, through Nov. 23, 6101 University Ave.

**HYDROSTONE GALLERY:** Jaye Ouellette: Recent Paintings, 5519 Young St.

**MOUNT ST. VINCENT ART GALLERY:** Danish Modern: Suzanne Swannie Textil, Saturday through Nov. 23, 166 Bedford Hwy.

**PEDWAY PICTURE GALLERY:** New works by members of Creative Spirit East, Alderney Pedway, Dartmouth.

**RALPH AND ROSE CHIODO HARBOURSIDE GALLERY:** Art-Celebra opens Saturday through Nov. 27, Pier 21.

**SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY:** Susan Dobson, Allan Chawner and Andrew Chubb through Nov. 23, 5865 Gorsetbrook Ave.

**SECORD GALLERY:** Lorena Ziraldo's Continued through Nov. 15., 6301 Quinpool Rd.

**SEEDS GALLERY:** Works by various artists from NSCAD University, 1892 Hollis St.

**VEITH STREET GALLERY:** Works by Chris Jackson, Michael Seary and Mike McCarty, through Saturday, 3,115 Veith Street, Halifax.

**VIEWPOINT GALLERY:** Karen Nieuwland's Touchstones

- Chapter One, Through Sunday, 1272 Barrington St.

**ZWICKER'S GALLERY:** Works by various regional artists, 5415 Doyle St.

## museums

**DARTMOUTH HERITAGE MUSEUM:** George H. Craig: Painter, Photographer and Visual Pioneer. Through Dec. 30, 26 Newcastle Street.

**MARITIME MUSEUM OF THE ATLANTIC:** Halifax vs. Louisburg: The Final Siege. Through Sunday 1675 Lower Water St.

**MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY:** The Whole Tooth And Nothing But The Tooth. Through Jan. 18. 1747 Summer St.

## theatre

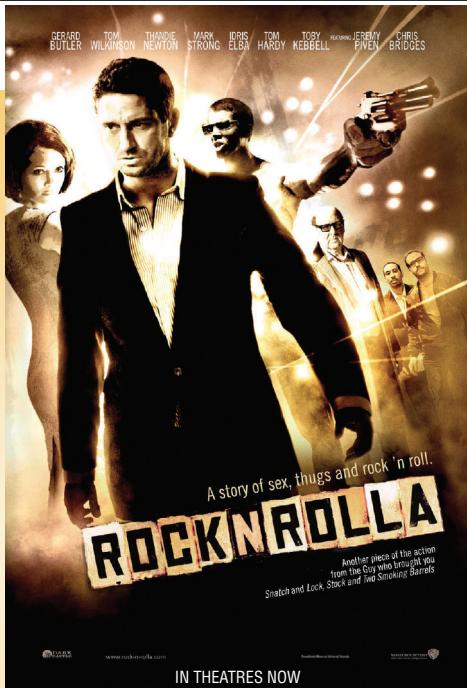
**DISCOVERY CENTRE:** The LEGO show, Secrets Of The Pharaohs. Through Jan. 4, 1593 Barrington St.

**PIER 21:** Various exhibits, 1055 Marginal Rd.

**ALDERNEY LANDING THEATRE:** Eastern Front Theatre presents Vimy. Through Nov. 9. Tickets \$28, \$25 and \$15. Phone 1-888-311-9090.

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Burton Cummings on Friday and Saturday at the Schooner Showroom at 8 p.m. Both shows are sold-out.

**Metro's 7th Heaven:** Metro taps what's hot right now**1 Palin's fashion**

All eyes are on Sarah Palin after news broke that the Republican National Committee spent more than \$150,000 US on the vice-presidential candidate's wardrobe. Fashionistas and political pundits alike will no doubt be critiquing Palin's style as the race for the White House comes to a close Tuesday.

**2 Chestnuts**

'Tis the season for rich, meaty chestnuts. For best results, roast chestnuts in the oven, fold into stuffing or serve alongside game meats. When purchasing, look for firm chestnuts with shiny skin.

**4 Olsens' book**

Actresses Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen have a new coffee table book called *Influence*. The book contains 20 profiles of their icons, including designers Karl Lagerfeld, Christian Louboutin and John Galliano.

**5 Poppies**

Bright red poppies are making their appearance on lapels around the country as Canadians remember the service and sacrifices of men and women in the Canadian Armed Forces.

**7 Guitar Hero World Tour launch**

Gamers rejoiced on Sunday when *Guitar Hero World Tour* was officially released for the Xbox 360. A brand new set list allows players to rock out to everything from Coldplay to Korn. Along with the traditional plastic guitar, a toy drum kit and microphone are also included in the package.

**3 Sarah McLachlan**

Sarah McLachlan's greatest hits album, *Closer: The Best of Sarah McLachlan*, features the Canadian singer's top tracks. She will also be the headlining act for the 2010 Winter Olympics one-year countdown party.

**6 Patent gloves**

Sleek, shiny patent leather was this year's hottest material for shoes, belts and purses. To up the patent ante, grab a pair of patent gloves to accessorize this season's trendiest outerwear.

**theatre****GRAFTON ST DINNER**

**THEATRE:** *Too Many Fish In the Sea*. Through Jan. 18. Call 425-1961 for reservations.

**HALIFAX FEAST DINNER THEATRE:** *Cape Breton Idle III*. Through November. 1505 Barrington St. Call 420-1840.

**NEPTUNE THEATRE:** *Frost Nixon* through Nov. 16. Tickets \$27 to \$45. Masked opening tonight through Nov. 16. Tickets \$15 to \$35. Phone 429-7070.

**events**

**PHOTOPOLIS:** Photography festival running at various art galleries in Halifax and Dartmouth. Through Nov. 15.

**REBECCA COHN AUDITORIUM:** Atlantic Ballet Theatre of Canada presents *King Lear* on Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets \$38, \$36 and \$28. The Stadacona Band and Friends on Tuesday at 7 p.m. Tickets \$10. Symphony Nova Scotia Celebrity Concert with Robert Urchida on Thurs-

day at 7:30 p.m. Tickets from \$32 to \$45.50. Phone 494-3820.

**ST. ANDREW'S UNITED**

**CHURCH:** *Symphony Nova Scotia* with Jeanne Lamont, Tyler Duncan and Suzanne Lemieux on Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets \$47.50, 6036 Coburg Rd.

**ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED**

**CHURCH:** *Stars with Hey Rosetta!* in all-ages show with Robert Urchida on Thurs-

day at 7:30 p.m. Tickets from \$32 to \$45.50. Phone 1-888-311-9090 or www.sonicconcerts.com, 1479 Barrington St.

**YUK YUK'S:** Jason Rouse with Mark Little, Cheryl Hann and Evany Rosen through Saturday. Westin Nova Scotia, 1181, Hollis St.

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Moon Frye and Goldberg renew their vows

Actress Soleil Moon Frye and her husband, producer Jason Goldberg, renewed their vows at their Hollywood Hills, Calif., home on Saturday after 10 years of marriage. [PEOPLE.COM](#)

## Celebrity Buzz

# Protesters mob Olsens' event

**CONTROVERSY** A book-signing for fans of twin actresses Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen took an ugly turn when they were bombarded by a legion of angry protesters wearing mocking masks of the pair, [imdb.com](#) reports.

Fans lined up to meet the 22-year-old moguls, who were recently celebrating the release of their new coffee-table book, *Influence*.

But the pair were stunned to find animal-rights activists shouting.

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## Victoria to pose in underwear

**PEOPLE** Victoria Beckham is set to follow in the footsteps of her soccer ace husband David when she strips down to her underwear to model for fashion house Armani, [imdb.com](#) reports.

The former Spice Girl will debut as the "worldwide testimonial" for Emporio Armani Women's underwear in the spring/summer 2009 campaign.

The collab-



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comes months after David Beckham stopped traffic by posing scantily clad for the designer. His ad was unveiled on a massive billboard in California last June.

"Who better than Victoria Beckham to launch our new global Emporio Armani underwear campaign?" Giorgio Armani said in a statement.

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# Biel regrets photos

**IMAGE** Actress Jessica Biel regrets being pressured into topless shots for a men's magazine, [imdb.com](#) reports.

Biel was reportedly persuaded to pose for the racy pictures in 2000 to shed her angelic image. But she admits she now regrets agreeing to the photo shoot.

"It was supposed to show me being sexier and more mature," she says. "The idea was: Look at me — I am a woman, growing up. I had male man-

agers at the time, who were really excited about the photo shoot. The truth is, though, I was in way over my head. I remember calling my dad and saying: 'I screwed up. I went too far and did not stand up for myself.'"

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## Reid wants to start a family

**FAMILY** Actress Tara Reid is reportedly desperate to start a family, hinting that she is trying for kids with current boyfriend Julien Jarmoune, [imdb.com](#) reports.

The pair began dating after setting up Reid's new clothing line together.

And she doesn't want to wait to settle down and start a family, telling People magazine,

"I'm ready to make a family. I want two children, a boy and a girl. And a traditional wedding, the big dress, the princess thing. What every little girl dreams of."

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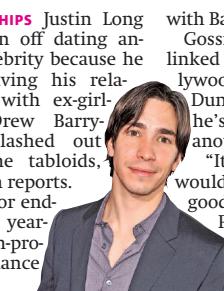
## Long tired of dating celebs

**RELATIONSHIPS** Justin Long has sworn off dating another celebrity because he hated having his relationship with ex-girlfriend Drew Barrymore splashed out across the tabloids, [imdb.com](#) reports.

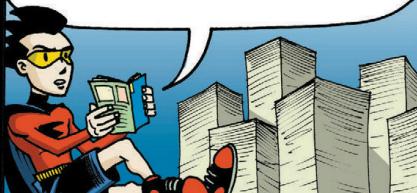
The actor ended his year-long, high-profile romance

with Barrymore in July. Gossips have since linked him to another Hollywood starlet, Kirsten Dunst, but Long insists he's not interested in another A-list romance. "It's not something I would ever consider a good thing," he tells People magazine.

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## celebrity briefs

### Dion wants to try for another child

**FAMILY** Celine Dion will start trying for a second child when she completes her world tour, [femalefirst.co.uk](#) reports.

The singer and her husband Rene Angelil welcomed son René-Charles in 2001 after undergoing fertility treatments.

Seven years later, Dion wants to attempt the process again, but she won't be too disappointed if she fails to conceive the second time around.

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## celebrity briefs

### Winehouse is not losing her voice

**RUMOUR** Singer Amy Winehouse has shot down rumours she could lose her voice because of drug use, insisting she is hard at work on her new album, [femalefirst.co.uk](#) reports.

Winehouse was said to have returned to rehab last weekend, but it later emerged she had been treated at the London Clinic for a respiratory problem.

She has since posted a video on her website, telling fans she plans to release new material soon.

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## Fame Thrower

### Joe O'Neill



Joe's take on celebrities

don't enjoy thinking about the **Olsen Twins**, but the crusading pinheads at PETA spent a few hours yesterday protesting the fact that the girls exercise their prerogative to wear, gasp, fur. You know PETA, the group that does its part to end cruelty to animals by showing us pictures of naked models and sending out such moral paragons like **Heather Mills McCartney** to publicly shame celebrities who choose to wear fur, eat meat, smile or tell them that the Easter Bunny doesn't exist.

PETA's targeting of the mini-moguls doesn't end with public demonstrations, though. They've also created an online game featuring characters named **Hairy Kate** and **Trashly Trolls**, displaying the kind of rapier wit that always seems to grace people who are the most earnest about the least important things.

Now that the PETA loonies are stepping up their anti-Olsen onslaught, I'm no longer going to be able to perverse

ly enjoy the sensation of my stomach turning as I watch their wretched performances in *New York Minute*, *It Takes Two* or *Full House* reruns. I'm going to have to sympathize with them.

Although, come to think of it, they spent their formative years around **Bob Saget**, which should be enough to earn them sympathy, even without PETA's antics.

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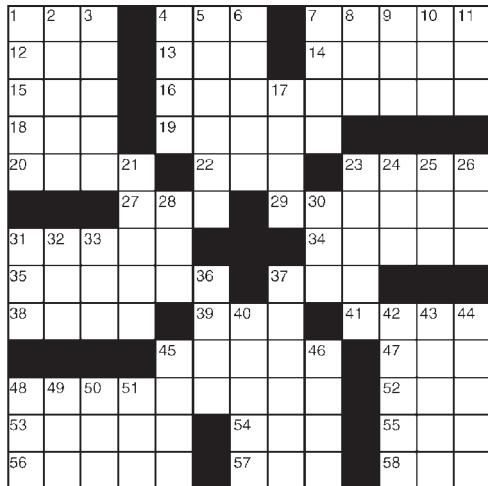
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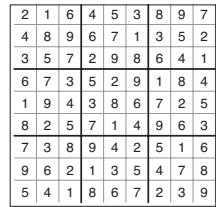
## Crossword across

1 Donkey 34 Libreville's country  
 4 Easter entree 35 Hit  
 7 One-on-one battles 37 Solemn promise  
 12 Have bills 38 Disarray  
 13 Judge Lance 39 Lemieux milieu  
 14 Swimming pool problem 41 Ricki or Veronica  
 15 Wardrobe malfunction 45 Luminaries  
 16 Deserted area 47 Monokini's lack  
 18 Stick with a kick 48 McCarthy-era goings-on  
 19 Hebrew prophet 52 Perp. to vert.  
 20 Culture medium 53 Island greeting  
 22 Tex — 54 Old French coin  
 23 TV clown 55 Inseparable  
 27 Shoe width 56 Glisten  
 29 Partner of Stookey and 57 Conclude  
 Travers 58 Roulette bet  
 31 Poetic feet

## Crossword down

1 Heart line? 30 Some time back  
 2 Benny Goodman's style 31 Doctrine  
 3 Anatomical walls 32 Noshed  
 4 Way up there 33 "Miniver"  
 5 In 36 Friends and neighbors  
 6 Bullwinkle, for one 37 British Columbia city  
 7 Information 40 Make happen  
 8 Last (Abbr.) 42 Detest  
 9 Swelled head 43 Money of Denmark  
 10 Legislation 44 Word with "dog" or  
 11 D.C. VIP 45 "jug"  
 17 Alluring 46 Counterfeit  
 21 Picture puzzle 48 Vacillate  
 23 Bench-clearer 49 Unwell  
 24 Sphere 50 Pirotette pivot  
 25 Menagerie 51 Half a dance?  
 26 Possess  
 28 Computer key at top left

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 13-17 min ..... Scholar      21-25 min ..... Not bad  
 25+ min ..... Keep practising

## Recipe of the day



## Poached Salmon with Dill Sauce

## INGREDIENTS:

4 fresh or frozen and thawed salmon or halibut steaks, 3/4 inch thick (about 6 oz / 175 g each)  
 1 cup (250 mL) dry white wine or low-sodium chicken broth  
 1 small yellow onion, thinly sliced  
 2 lemon slices  
 4 sprigs parsley  
 4 whole black peppercorns

## DILL SAUCE:

1 tbsp (15 mL) butter or margarine  
 1 tbsp (15 mL) all-purpose flour  
 2 tsp (10 mL) finely chopped fresh dill or 3/4 tsp (4 mL) dried dill weed  
 1/2 tsp (2 mL) sugar  
 1/8 tsp (0.5 mL) salt  
 1 large egg yolk, lightly beaten  
 1 tsp (5 mL) lemon juice

## METHOD:

1. Rinse fish and pat dry. In a large skillet, combine the wine, onion, lemon slices, parsley and peppercorns. Bring to a boil. Arrange salmon in a single layer in wine mixture. Bring back to a boil. Lower the heat and simmer, covered, for

5 to 8 minutes or until fish flakes when tested with a fork. With a slotted spatula, carefully remove salmon from the skillet; keep warm. Strain and reserve 1 cup of the cooking liquid.

2. To prepare dill sauce, in a small saucepan, melt butter over moderate heat. Whisk in flour, dill, sugar and salt, and cook for 1 minute or until bubbly. Add reserved cooking liquid. Cook, whisking constantly, until mixture starts to thicken. Slowly stir about 1/2 cup (125 mL) of the hot mixture into egg yolk, then return this mixture to the saucepan. Cook, stirring constantly, for 1 to 2 minutes or until mixture thickens (do not boil). Stir in lemon juice.

3. Spoon some of the dill sauce over the salmon. Serve with remaining sauce.

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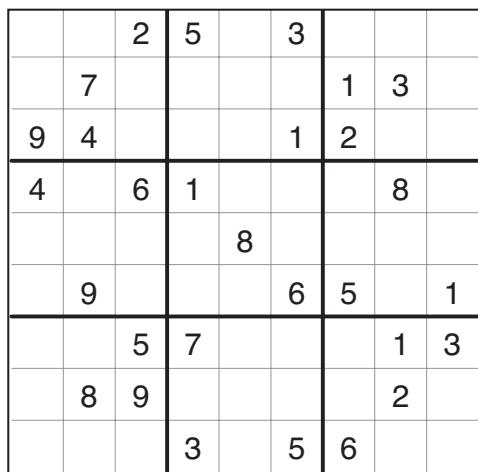
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## Horoscopes

## ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20



A friend's plans are delayed again. Monotony motivates a wanderer to go home. Someone seems to have all the right moves.

## TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21



Ask dangerous questions about significant news. An unpleasant person returns to old habits. An authority figure will make contact.

## LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23



A good opinion is formed by having a makeover. A tense meeting will define your position. Devote some energy to a formidable relative.

## SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22



An insecure person needs your consideration. Don't do things half-way. You'll be heard and understood by a macho man.

## GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21



You'll be rewarded for chasing the blues away. A sidekick's timing is off. Knowledge of the past leads to a refreshing outcome.

## SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21



Contact will be made with a panicky person. A fantastic filing will lead you astray. Resolve an issue by being fearless.

## CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22



Quiet time can be yours if you insist. Ease your stress by improving a domestic situation. A trusted friend is thrilled to help.

## CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20



You can face the truth in an uncomfortable situation. A sensitive woman will fall deeply in love. An alarming problem changes everything.

## LEO JULY 23-AUG 23



Don't frighten others with your discipline. Memories will set off an emotional issue. A significant financial event will arise.

## AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18



Be brave when dealing with magic and mystery. Somebody's grim resignation to fate will distract you. Show your commitment to catch errors in time.

## VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22



A woman is embarrassed about an accident. Punctuality leads to good luck. A dignified approach will increase distress.

## PISCES FEB 19-MARCH 20



A reality check convinces others to avoid speeding. Someone will crush an elder's hopes. Strengthen a relationship in practical ways.

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 OCT. 31, 1864: Nevada is admitted as the 36th U.S. state.  
 OCT. 31, 1876: A monster cyclone ravages India, resulting in over 200,000 human deaths.  
 OCT. 31, 1892: Arthur Conan Doyle publishes The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes.  
 OCT. 31, 1926: Magician Harry Houdini dies of gangrene and peritonitis that developed after his appendix ruptured.  
 OCT. 31, 1961: In the Soviet Union, Joseph Stalin's body is removed from Lenin's Tomb.

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